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HOPE OF A FIVE POWER PACT.

PREMIER STICKS TO
HIS GUNS.

DETERMINED TO REACH
AN AGREEMENT.

CRUISERS MAY GO.

London, Mar. 31.
That the British Government has not yet given up hope of the Naval Conference resulting in a five-Power agreement was revealed in the House of Commons to-night by the Prime Minister.

He answered laconically "Yes, sir," when he was asked whether the Government was adhering to its determination to arrive at a Five Power agreement and not a Two or Three Power agreement.

Later he was asked whether proposals involving Great Britain scrapping four cruisers of the Hawkins class had been made at the Conference.

Mr. MacDonald replied that it was undesirable to give such information while negotiations were still progressing and when provisional proposals were liable to modification at any moment.

He added that whatever agreement was reached would be a systematic and balanced whole.—*Reuter.*

Anglo-French Parleys.

London, Mar. 31.
The heads of the delegations to the London Naval Conference met this morning at St. James's Palace and decided to circulate an agenda, including a number of matters arising out of the work of various committees for consideration by the heads of delegations on Wednesday next.

The conversations between the head of the French delegation, M. Briand, and Mr. Henderson, the British Foreign Secretary, were continued this afternoon.

Mr. Henderson is dealing intimately with M. Briand on political questions arising out of the conference, and in this work they have the assistance on the British side of Sir Robert Vansittart, Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and Messrs. Craigie and Malkin, the heads of the American and Legal Departments of the Foreign Office, and on the French side of M. Massigli, Chief Adviser to the French delegation.

The Henderson-Briand conversations began on Friday and were resumed at a luncheon on Saturday. To-day's meeting was held at the House Commons. Conversations are to continue.—*British Wireless.*

More Concessions Wanted.

London, Mar. 31.
While the newspapers generally agree that the Naval Conference has reached a deadlock, the *Daily News* declares that there has been a marked *rapprochement* between the British and French views.

"If it can be carried a little further," the newspapers add, "a sensible reduction in the French tonnage figures may be anticipated with some confidence. If it cannot, the Conference, so far as a Five-Power understanding goes, will fail."

The general feeling in Conference circles yesterday evening is said to have been that decisive action could not be delayed any longer and that by Friday, when the Plenary Session will be held, every delegation must be prepared to state its position publicly.

The success or failure of the efforts to achieve a Five-Power Treaty will depend very largely on the discussions and negotiations during the interval.—*Reuter.*

Japan's Reply Favourable.

Tokyo, Mar. 31.
Instructions to the Japanese delegation are virtually certain to be despatched to London to-morrow afternoon, and it is expected they will be conciliatory, accepting the proposed terms, with certain re-

servations:
Firstly, ensuring that the acceptance does not imply Japan's readiness to give up her demands for a seventy per cent. ratio in eight-inch gun cruisers permanently.

Secondly, enabling Japan to carry out a certain amount of naval construction between now and 1936 with the purpose of giving employment to skilled dockyard workers in the meantime.

The Foreign Office completed the draft instructions this morning, and will show them to the naval officials this evening, but it is understood they will be presented to the Cabinet to-morrow unaltered, whether the Navy approves or disapproves; so that now it only remains to obtain the Cabinet's approval, which is practically assured, after which the Emperor's sanction will be asked.—*Reuter.*

Navy Office Angered.

Later.
Admiral Kato, Chief of the Naval

ELLERMAN BOAT'S EXPERIENCE.

PASSES THROUGH BATTLE
ZONE NEAR HANKOW.

SANDBAG PROTECTION.

Hankow, Mar. 28.

The Ellerman line str. City of Tokyo (6,993 tons) arrived at Hankow this morning, a day late, and with sand-bags guarding all her vulnerable points. She had not been fired on, but she had passed through a regular battle zone the previous night.

When the steamer reached Christmas Island, below Hankow, after dark, rifles and machine-guns were being fired apparently from both sides of the river.

The ship went on cautiously but the firing became worse and artillery explosions were heard.

It was, therefore, decided to anchor and to await daylight and in the meantime hatches were opened and cargo was brought up and stacked around the bridge and elsewhere.

In the morning swarms of soldiers were seen on the river banks but they all appeared to belong to the same camp. Who were the enemy and the reasons for the firing remain mysteries.—*Reuter.*

ARABS BLAMED IN PALESTINE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

rights of non-Jewish communities and laid down more explicit directions for the guidance of the Palestine Government in its policy on vital issues such as immigration and land.

The Recommendations.

These recommendations are based largely on the assumption that the proposed definition of policy will clearly state that the rights of non-Jewish communities will be fully safeguarded.

It is recommended that a clear statement be issued of future policy for the control of Jewish immigration and the administrative machinery be examined with a view to preventing a repetition of the excessive immigration of the years 1925 and 1926. Machinery should be devised for consulting non-Jewish interests on immigration questions.

It is proposed that a scientific enquiry be held into the prospects of improved methods of cultivation being introduced. The land policy could then be regulated in the light of the results of the enquiry.

Meanwhile, measures should be taken to check the present tendency towards the eviction of peasant cultivators. The Government should consider means of providing the poorer cultivator with credit facilities.

No formal recommendation regarding constitutional development is made, but attention is drawn to the view already expressed in the report that the resentment of the Arabs at their failure to obtain any measure of self-government is aggravating the difficulties.

Mr. Snell's Views.

The Commission recommended that a Commission be appointed to determine the rights and claims in connexion with the Wailing Wall, that more effective control of Press propaganda be considered and that the British Government reaffirm that the special position assigned to the Zionist Organisation does not entitle it to have a share in the Government of Palestine.

The existing garrison should be maintained for the present and an independent inquiry should be made into the police organisation.

Attached to the report is a note of reservation by Mr. Snell, a member of the Commission. He takes a more serious view of the responsibility of the Arab leaders for the disturbances, criticises the action of the Palestine Government in certain respects, and does not endorse the criticisms of the Jewish authorities regarding immigration limits. Mr. Snell recommends a more extensive land inquiry than that contemplated by his colleagues.

Emphasising the necessity of co-operation between the Jews and Arabs, he proposes that a few men of both races of high character and influence should meet and discuss the possibilities of a common effort as the first step towards racial co-operation.—*British Wireless.*

Staff, speaking to the press, declared that so long as the Government decided on its attitude towards the American proposal, he himself would refrain from making the matter a political issue.

In the meantime, the Navy Office is reported to be angered by press dispatches from London reporting that Mr. MacDonald is ignoring the Japanese delegation, and has communicated direct to Tokyo through the British Ambassador, stating that the responsibility for the failure of the conference will devolve on Japan if she refuses the proposed compromise.—*Reuter.*

COLLISIONS JUST AVERTED.

STEAMER, MISSES
WARSHIPS.

EXCITING HARBOUR SCENE
AT SHANGHAI.

NEAR THE HERMES.

Shanghai, Mar. 27.

After narrowly averting collision with the U.S.S. Pittsburgh and the French sloop Algei and swinging close to H.M.S. Hermes, the China Merchants' steamer Kiangnan docked at the Kingleeyuen wharf yesterday morning minus her forward anchor and 40 fathoms of anchor chain, and with nearly all of her crew in a state of nervous prostration.

Nothing but sheer good fortune, the coolness of the Kiangnan skipper, and the slipping of the ship's anchor, prevented what might have been a serious smash.

Much Excitement.

Considerable excitement prevailed, not only amongst the crew of the Kiangnan, but also amongst the crews of the Algei and the Pittsburgh. As the Kiangnan was observed bearing down on the two warships, naval men were seen scurrying along the decks, while shouts and yells proclaimed an unusual state of affairs.

The incident occurred at about 9 a.m. while the s.s. Kiangnan was inward bound. When the China Merchants' steamer was nearing Canton Road, the H.M.S. Hermes slowly left her buoys, bound for Hongkong. At the same time, the s.s. Unit of the Kailan Mining Administration was slowly steaming outward bound from the Pootung side of the harbour, while almost in front of the s.s. Kiangnan were five loaded cargo lighters.

Swung Near Hermes.

The skipper of the Kiangnan rang for quarter-speed and altered his course in order to avoid running down the cargo lighters. A fairly strong wind was blowing and this, added to the flood tide, resulted in the Kiangnan commencing to swing in the direction of H.M.S. Hermes.

The course was shifted again, and half-speed ordered, and the Kiangnan attempted to proceed to the Kingleeyuen wharf. The tide and wind by this time, however, had forced the China Merchants' steamer near to the French sloop Algei, and in order to avoid a collision, the Kiangnan was swung around, and the anchor dropped.

French Sloop Missed.

The collision was avoided, the Kiangnan missing the bow of the sloop by about ten feet, but the anchor failed to hold and the C.M. steamer proceeded on her way until the anchor fouled one of the buoys of the U.S.S. Pittsburgh.

It was at this stage that the highest excitement prevailed on the American cruiser and the Kiangnan. With her anchor fouled, the bow of the C.M. steamer slowly swung to port and edged nearer and nearer to the Pittsburgh.

The engines of the Kiangnan were reversed and collision mats were flung over the sides of both craft. At this time, the Pittsburgh captain advised the skipper of the Kiangnan to slip his anchor, which the latter did.

The anchor and 40 fathoms of chain went to the bottom, but the Kiangnan, half an hour later, was safely docked at the Kingleeyuen wharf.

SOVIET EYES ON CHINA.

REVOLUTIONARY WORK TO
START AGAIN.

Riga, Mar. 31.

The Kremlin is once more interesting itself in China and eagerly anticipates the arrival of the Chinese Delegation now en route to Moscow.

It is stated that the Comintern recently assigned a considerable sum of money to new schemes in China. All Soviet specialists experienced in Chinese revolutionary affairs have again been sent to the East.

The Khabarovsk Eastern Language School has received an order to print a series of Communist pamphlets and a short encyclopedia of Socialist reconstruction in China. These books are destined for the recently established Communist propaganda schools in Chinese Manchuria.—*Reuter.*

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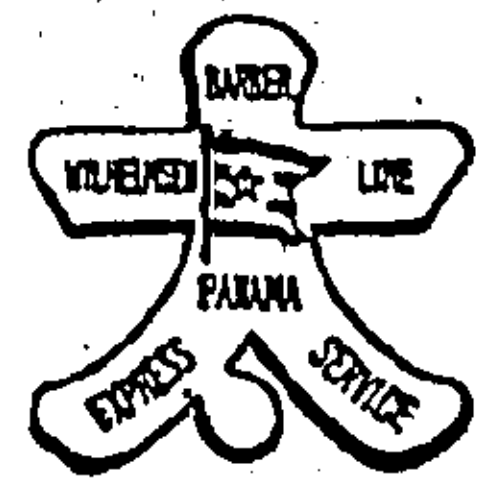


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SERIOUS ACCIDENT RECALLED.

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Defendant: Well I don't think that's necessary.

His Worship (to witness): Well what happened? There were others on this cycle?—Yes, there were five.

His Worship (to defendant): If you don't ask him, the Police will ask him in cross-examination. The point is the prosecution have not proved how many were on that cycle and they are bound to find it now. So it doesn't matter much who asks the question. If you don't ask it, Inspector Nicol is sure to ask it.

Continuing, witness said that they were travelling at about 25 to 30 miles an hour and suddenly the driver saw the ricksha. He swerved to avoid it but struck it a glancing blow.

Answering the defendant witness said that the driver was not intoxicated.

His Worship remarked that the defendant need not worry about that summons as there was not sufficient evidence to convict.

The witness said that three of the five persons were in the side car and the other on the pillion seat. One of the three men was sitting on the back of the side car.

His Worship asked Sub-Inspector Nicol if the Police were expecting him to convict on both the summonses of failing to have full control and of negligent driving. The officer agreed to withdraw the former count.

Magistrate's Decision.

His Worship said that the summons of being intoxicated failed. With regard to negligent driving he held that that had been proved. The accident might easily have happened without the driver being at fault, but he thought one part of the evidence was rather significant and that was that the cycle evidently went 101 feet after it had struck the ricksha. He thought that indicated that the driver was driving recklessly otherwise he would have been able to stop quicker.

It was not at all obvious, continued his Worship, how the defendant had collided with the ricksha. He said that he did not see any light but his Worship thought that part of Nathan Road was not very dark and just opposite the Orient Tobacco Factory the light was very good. He could not see how the defendant could have collided with the ricksha without seeing it if he had his wits about him.

The way the cycle evidently swerved to avoid the ricksha, according to the last witness striking it a glancing blow and then turning a somersault seemed to his Worship to indicate reckless or careless driving.

Referring to the two summonses on which the defendant had pleaded guilty his Worship asked the defendant if he wished to say anything about them.

The defendant replied that he had purchased the cycle cheap and not being in a very good condition he had overhauled it. He did not want to license it until he had given it a trial, to see whether it was worth licensing. He had taken it out on the Kai Tack Aerodrome but on the night of the accident thought he would give it a trial on the road.

It was stated that damage to the extent of \$12 was done to the ricksha while the cycle had been in Hospital for three days.

His Worship fined the defendant \$10 for not having a licence for the cycle; \$5 for not having a driver's licence and \$30 for negligent driving. The ricksha coolie was awarded \$15 compensation.

The Bench Surprised.

Surprise was expressed by Mr. Whyte Smith when permission to withdraw two summonses against a motorist was applied for by the Police who were not in a position to advance more satisfactory explanation than that it was upon the instructions of the Inspector General of Police that the application was made.

The defendant in the summonses was Commander Maxwell of Marble Hall, who was alleged to have driven a motor car No. 2828 at a speed which was dangerous to the public in Salisbury Road at 3.35 p.m. on March 3. The second summons was for failing to produce his licence when demanded by a Police officer in uniform.

Sub-Inspector Nicol: With your Worship's permission I will withdraw these summonses.

His Worship: Insufficient evidence?

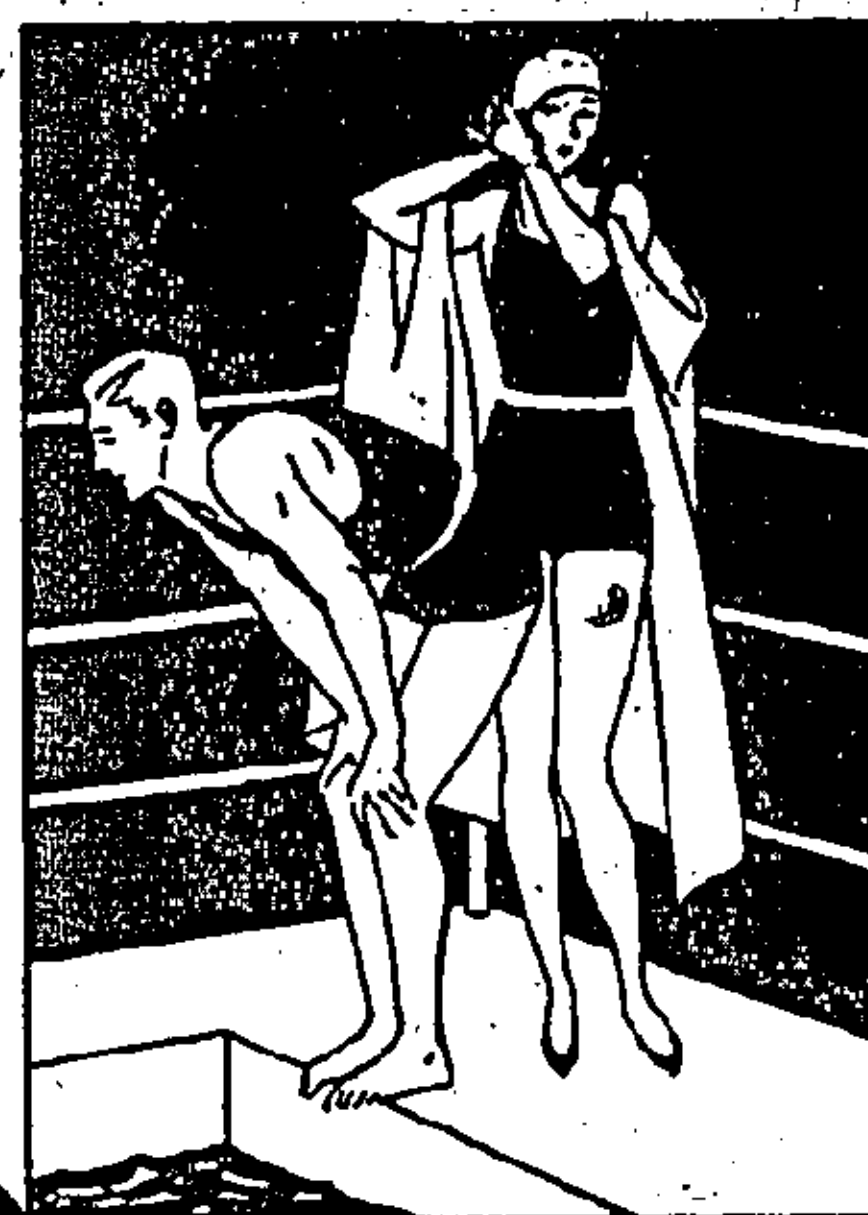
Sub-Inspector Nicol: No, by order from the Inspector General of Police, your Worship.

His Worship: You can't give any reason?

Sub-Inspector Nicol: That's the order I received, to ask your permission to withdraw.

His Worship: Well, I don't know anything about it. I suppose if the I.C.P. wishes to withdraw.

The summonses were accordingly withdrawn.



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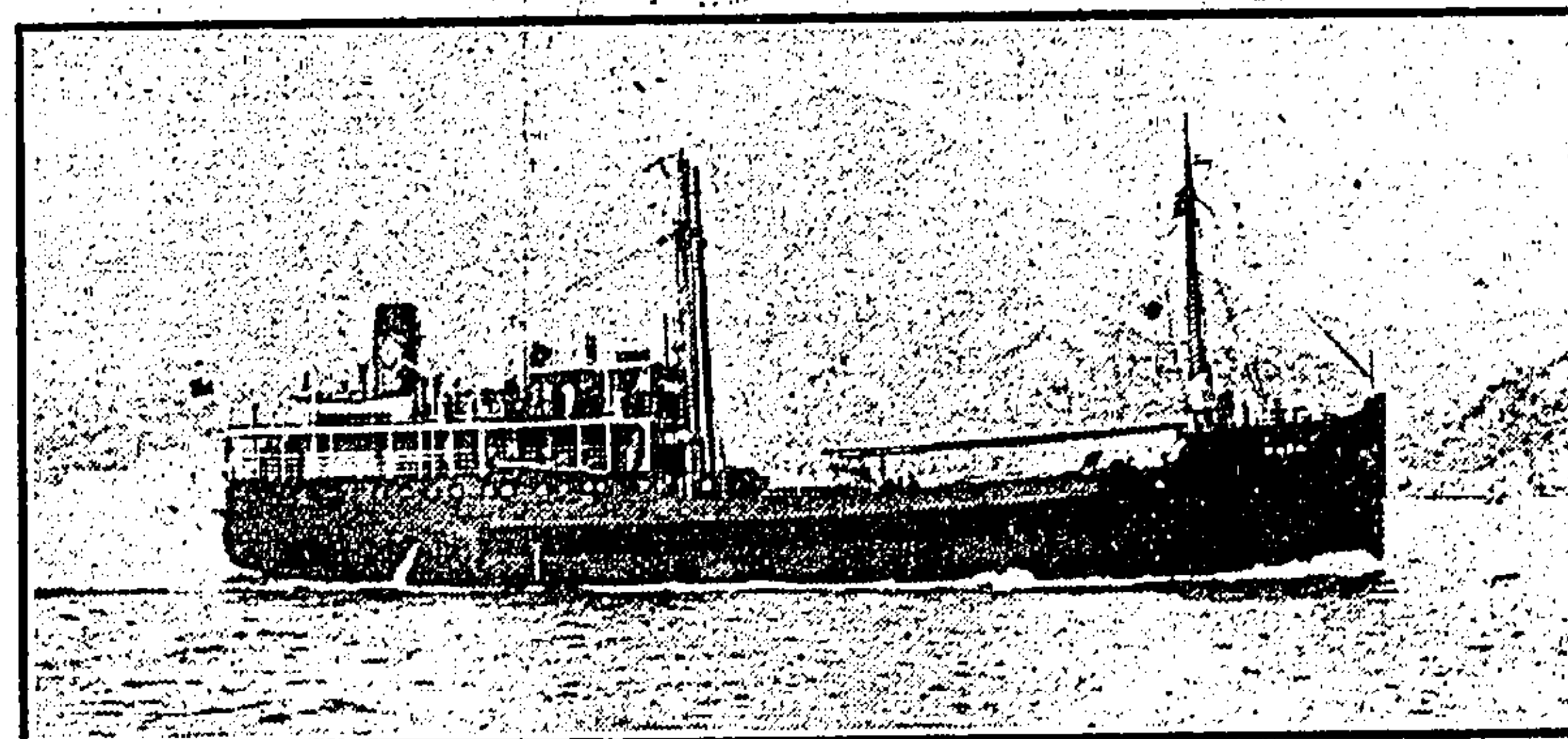
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SERIOUS ACCIDENT RECALLED.

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NEGLIGENT DRIVING.

A sequel to a recent motor accident in which five servicemen were involved was the appearance of the driver of a Harley Davidson combination, before Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, on five summonses, to two of which the defendant returned pleas of guilty.

The driver, H. Tower, of the Royal Air Force, Kai Tak, was accused of having driven the combination while intoxicated, but, after hearing the medical evidence, this count was dismissed, while a further charge of failing to have full control was withdrawn in favour of a count of negligent driving.

H. Tower was summoned on five counts under the traffic Regulations, following an accident outside the Orient Tobacco Factory on the early morning of March 20.

Sergeant's Evidence.

Police Sergeant L. Boffin giving evidence said: At about 2 a.m. on March 20, I was riding in ricksha No. 87 along Nathan Road from South to North when, opposite to the Orient Tobacco Co., I heard this motor cycle coming from the rear. The engine was racing and apparently was travelling at a good speed. The next thing I knew was that the sidecar had hit the off wheel of the ricksha, throwing me out, also throwing the ricksha coolie to the ground. The motor cycle then appeared to travel about another hundred feet and turned a somersault. The accident looked very serious to me. The men were all lying on the ground and I went to Mongkok Police Station and telephoned for the Ambulance which conveyed the ricksha coolie and myself to the Kowloon Hospital.

His Worship: Were there people in the sidecar?

Witness: I could not tell until after. I saw five men after the accident had happened. I don't know where they had been.

You think there were five men on the cycle and sidecar?—Yes, I couldn't be sure. I did not see them until after.

Was the horn sounded at all?—I never heard it.

The Silencer.

Defendant (cross-examining): You say that judging from the noise of the motor bike you thought we were travelling at a fast speed?—Yes.

Did you notice that the silencer was off?—I didn't notice that until the following day.

The defendant explained to the Magistrate that when the silencer was off the noise gave one the impression that the machine was going faster than it actually was.

In reply to this Witness said that he was satisfied that the silencer was off.

His Worship: You say the ricksha was knocked over? Was it knocked far?—No, as the off wheel was smashed and the ricksha just dropped down.

The ricksha coolie gave corroborative evidence and intimated that immediately after the accident the five men left the scene.

Sergeant Boffin was recalled and asked by the Magistrate: Do you say that the defendant was driving the cycle? You have not said that.

Witness: No, I didn't actually see him driving, your Worship.

Answering a further question witness said that when he returned from the Police Station, the five men had gone. He understood that they had taken a taxi.

Sergeant Clark gave evidence of finding the motor cycle overturned 101 feet away from the ricksha, leading from which vehicle was a skid mark of twelve feet. There were marks on the road which had apparently been made by some metal part of the machine.

In reply to the defendant, witness thought the machine had overturned as soon as it struck the ricksha, but he admitted that the marks might have been caused by the foot rest if the cycle tilted.

Doctor's Evidence.

Dr. D. J. Valentine of the Kowloon Hospital said that at about 2.30 a.m. he was called to see three men who had been admitted as a result of a motor accident. One of the men was the defendant, who was suffering from severe abrasions on the head, face, hands and legs. He was also suffering from terrible bruising, especially of the neck. His face was quite red and congested and he appeared to be dazed. He was disinclined to speak much and his breath smelt of alcohol.

His Worship: Did you see him walk at all?—No, he was lying in bed. He was too knocked about to get up and walk.

Was his articulation distinct?—He had not been speaking much and I think this was chiefly due to the accident.

He didn't speak enough for you to tell whether his utterings were clear?—No. What he did say was fairly clear.

Did he talk sense?—Yes. Answering the defendant, witness admitted that he was not unconscious and that the redness of his face was apparently his usual complexion. It was very difficult to say whether the defendant was intoxicated or not.

In reply to his Worship Sub-inspector Nicol intimated that the men returned to the Aerodrome in a taxi and nobody had seen them prior to being admitted to Hospital. There was no further evidence on that charge.

Five on the Cycle.

The defendant called Leading Seaman Street to give evidence on his behalf.

His Worship: You were in the sidecar were you?

Witness: Yes.

His Worship (to defendant): You wish this witness to say who else were there?

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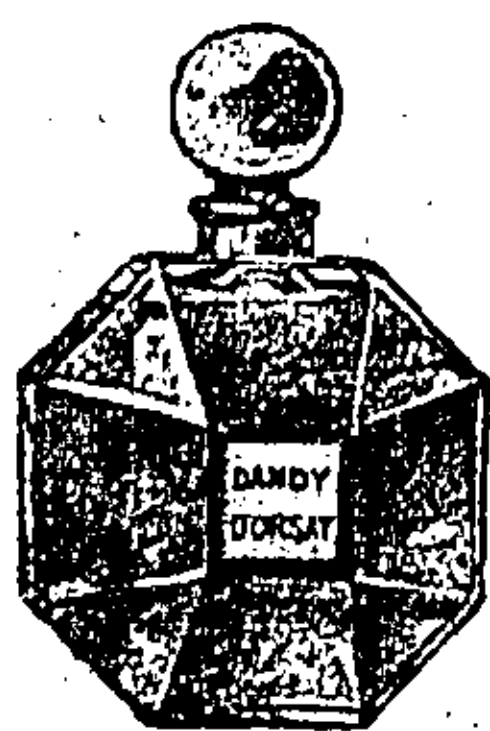
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tently stated that in regard to ships other than foreign-going, Hong-kong is free to make its own rules, adapted in order to meet local conditions.

It is recommended in the Technical Committee's report that the requirements of the new Rules should not apply to existing ships, and this suggestion meets with the strong approval of the Chamber.

The area to be included in the Hongkong Passenger Certificate still awaits settlement. Another important question is the provision in Hongkong of some machinery, comparable to the Consultative Branch of the Board of Trade in London, so that when, on technical questions, differences of opinion arise between shipowners and shipbuilders on the one hand and the Government Marine Surveyors on the other, final decisions may be given without the delay inseparable from an appeal to London.

I will not on this occasion go deeply into the subject, as it is full of technicalities which non-ship-owners are not likely to be expected to study very closely. The Chamber owes a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Dyer, Mr. Sherwell, Mr. James, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Brayfield, Mr. Hunter, Captain Kennedy and Captain Skipper for the onerous and valuable work they have done, and we hope will continue to do until a conclusion is reached in this matter.

Vehicular Ferry.

I notice that my predecessor in this chair remarked last year that the question of a vehicular ferry service across the Harbour appears to be becoming somewhat of a hardy annual. At any rate, it is satisfactory to note, from an official statement recently issued, that the Government has reached a decision on one aspect of the matter, namely that responsibility for the construction and maintenance of the piers will be retained by the Government, and that questions of building the necessary boats out of Government funds, and of the most satisfactory method of running them, if so built, will be further explored. We are assured that these matters are engaging the immediate attention of the Government, so it is hoped that the promulgation of a workable scheme to provide this important addition to local transport facilities will not be long delayed. In the nature of things, it must be some time before ferries are actually put into commission.

It is in advising on subjects of this kind that the recently formed Harbour Advisory Board may be confidently expected to do much useful work. Its first meeting, I hear, accomplished a great deal, and since then matters of considerable moment have been referred to the Board.

The Chamber has continued during 1929 to subscribe, on behalf of a limited number of members, to Reuter's service of commercial telegrams. The cost per member is reasonable and the service seems to be thoroughly appreciated by those who receive it. If other members wish to subscribe, all that is necessary is to get in touch with the office of the Chamber where details are available.

Chinese Language School.

It is gratifying to see that the Chinese Language School has again been well supported. The number of individuals on the roll during 1929 was 46. Twice during the year the number of prospective students awaiting enrolment justified the formation of new classes, each of which, like an excursion train, was run in duplicate, in order to avoid unduly large numbers in one class. Apart from the satisfaction which it gives to see such an awakening of interest in the learning of Cantonese, the sum of \$2,838.10, representing surplus from income over expenditure, has been placed against a deficit on the Language School of \$3,301.69 as on 1st January, 1929, leaving only a deficit of \$463.59.

Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, it will be observed that the total income on general account amounted to \$45,076.62 as compared with \$44,074.89 the previous year. The surplus of income over expenditure was less this year by some \$4,000, due mainly to incorporation expenses of \$2,395.43, and increased secretarial expenses.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking several members of the Chamber who have afforded me great assistance in the compilation of this review.

I now move the adoption of the Report and Accounts and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions which members may desire to ask. (Applause.)

Seconders Speech.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson, in second-
ing, said: Mr. Chairman and
Gentlemen: In rising to second
the Report and Accounts, I hope I
may be permitted to congratulate
the Chairman on his very able
speech, which is not only en-
lightening but expresses very

concisely the main points of in-
terest to the members of our local
Chamber. I think, gentlemen, we
can readily infer not only from
the Chairman's speech but from
the annual report submitted to us,
the tremendous amount of work
that has devolved upon each mem-
ber of the Committee, and al-
though it is easy to say that they
have been dealing principally with
commercial or shipping affairs in
which their respective firms are
directly interested, I feel sure we
owe them a deep debt of gratitude
not only for the sacrifice of their
individual time but for the con-
scientious and thorough manner
in which they have tackled prob-
lems which must have occasioned
prolonged discussions and neces-
sitated viewing the subject from
all angles. (Applause.)

When I was asked to second the
Report (before a copy had reached
me) I was hoping it would contain
some controversial matter, but I
find myself so much in agreement
with what has been set down,
there seems no occasion for my
saying very much.

I much regret even if only on
the score of trade, that the
ideas and aspirations of the
Nationalist Government have not
yet far been realized and that for
China Proper the peace and secu-
rity we are looking and hoping
for are still apparently a long
way off. Much as we and China's
best friends deplore the present
unhealthy situation, the Nation-
alist Government must see for
themselves that the root of their
trouble is internal, and that any
reasonable assistance the Powers
could render, were it wanted, is
theirs for the asking.

The Chairman has touched on
the Salaries question and I feel
sure employers as far as they
reasonably can, will give full con-
sideration to the hardships from
which employees are suffering
through no fault of their own, and
allow some compensation, reason-
able and equitable to both parties.
The Salaries Commission seems
to have come in for a good deal
of criticism recently, but when one
considers that at the time of their
deliberations exchange was much
higher than it is at the moment,
every allowance must be made,
as no one (not even Bankers)
(laughter)—could foresee such a
tremendous slump in the price of
silver.

The Currency Question.

You may expect me to criticise
in some way the remarks of the
Chairman on the currency ques-
tion. In the main I may say here
I am in accord with the views he
has expressed. Still, there are
so many angles from which the
problem can be tackled, I doubt
if it is possible, to get any two
persons who have carefully studied
the subject, to arrive at a com-
mon understanding. It is some-
times not appreciated that it was
in order to protect themselves
that the Banks in October last
were forced to endeavour
to return to what was then,
and what still is, the legal
currency basis. The real diffi-
culty is to find the best method in
which our currency, in a practical
way, can be aligned effectively to
silver. As this is one of the tasks
allotted to a Committee of En-
quiry, recently gazetted by Govern-
ment, it would be out of place for
me to push forward my views at
this meeting. Much as most
Banks deprecate the further im-
ports of British dollars entirely
because they become a dead-weight
redundant currency, I need only
state that in my opinion to stop
at this condemnation will get us
nowhere, and it would almost
appear necessary for some other
exchange corrective to be sug-
gested in order to maintain our
rates reasonably close to silver
parity.

Warning to Speculators.

As you are aware, gentlemen,
we have arrived at a time when
money conditions in the Colony
are extremely easy and the
causes are no doubt well known.
There is a strong tendency there-
fore for a great portion of these
funds to be diverted to the Share
Market. I have nothing to say
against honest investment in local
shares and after the thin time
sharebrokers have experienced for
years we are glad for their sakes
that they are now probably earn-
ing a reasonable livelihood. I
hope, however, I may be excused
if I sound a note of warning.
There is a vast difference between
investment and speculation. We
have become acquainted with what
happened in New York a few
months ago, and we have our ex-
perience in 1925 to fall back upon.
Surely the effects of this share
slump are still retained in our
memory and in the interests of the
Colony I sincerely hope we will
not allow such a situation to re-
peat itself. (Applause.)

The Accounts.

As regards the Accounts, very
little comment appears neces-
sary. I notice the cost of the
Market Reports and the Annual
Report are slightly in excess of
Receipts, but doubtless members'
subscriptions take care of this
small deficit. I am pleased to see, as
regards the Chinese Language
School, that the deficiency of the
previous year has been all but

AIRMEN FOUND.

AUSTRALIANS WHO SET OUT FOR ENGLAND.

Sydney, Mar. 31.
"Search party arrived, all O. K.,
which was wireless from Wynd-
ham, relieves all anxiety as to
the fate of the stranded airmen,
Smith and Shiers, who just pre-
viously had wireless appealing
for food.—Reuter.

[Smith and Shiers had set out on
a flight to England, and made a
forced landing forty miles from
Wyndham, in Northern Australia,
on March 28.]

wiped out by the surplus income
over expenditure for 1929. I
presume that all that is wanted
is for the account to balance, and
if the same support to the Lan-
guage School is given this year,
the deficit of \$463.59 will doubt-
less disappear in next year's
accounts.

With these remarks I conclude,
gentlemen, with regrets for tak-
ing up so much of your time. I
therefore formally second the
resolution proposed by the Chair-
man for the adoption of the Re-
port and Accounts. (Applause.)
The resolution was carried.

Committee.

On the proposition of Mr. D.
King, seconded by Mr. L. C. F.
Bellamy, the following were ap-
pointed as the General Committee:
Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. J.
K. Bousfield, Mr. A. P. Bunney,
Mr. V. M. Grayburn, Mr. Paul
Lauder, Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, Mr.
J. J. Paterson, Mr. T. E. Pearce,
Mr. T. H. R. Shaw and Mr. J. P.
Warren.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and
Fleming were re-elected auditors
at a remuneration of \$200 per
annum, on the proposition of Mr.
F. C. Hall, seconded by Mr. Li Tse-
fong.

The Chairman proposed and Mr.
W. H. Bell seconded, the confirma-
tion of election of the following
members elected by the General
Committee since the last annual
meeting: Mr. C. Champkin, The
Advertising & Publicity Bureau,
The American Express Co. Inc.,
Messrs. Anderson & Ashe, the
Canadian Trade Commissioner at
Hongkong, Messrs. R. Johnson &
Co., the Swedish Chinese Export
& Import Co. Ltd., Messrs. James
Yau & Co.

The meeting approved the re-
solution.
This concluded the business.
Hon. Sir Henry Pollock proposed
a vote of thanks to the Committee
for their work last year and this
was carried with acclamation.

The New Chairman.

At a Committee meeting held sub-
sequent to the annual meeting, Mr.

LOCAL RADIO.

RELAY FROM KO SHING THEATRE.

The programme to be broadcast by
Z.B.V. to-day on a wavelength of 865
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gramme from 5.30 to 6 p.m., and a
relay from the Ko Shing Theatre.
6.00-5.30 p.m. European pro-
gramme of Columbia records by
courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Music
Co.
"La Bohème—Selection."
(Puccini, arr. Gauwin).
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra,
conducted by Percy Pitt.
"Melody Divine, Waltz," (Spencer),
and "In An Old World Garden, Fox
Trot," (Pepper).

The Four Bright Sparks,
(Ashton), and "Nelly Grey, Fox
Trot," (Cobb and Lutzen).
Ray Starita and His Ambassadors
Band.
"Imi Au La Oe (King's Serenade),"
(King), and "Na Lei O Hawaii (Song
of the Islands), (King).

5.30-6.00 p.m. Children's pro-
gramme.
6.00-7.00 p.m. European pro-
gramme of recorded music continued:
"Second Serenade," (Toselli arr.
Gochi), and "Tarantelle for Flute and
Clarinet," (Saint-Saëns—Op. 6).

H. G. Amers and The Eastbourne
Municipal Band.
"Dear Love—Fox Trot Medley,"
(Wood, Tunbridge and Waller).
Jack Payne and His B. B. C.
Dance Orchestra.

"Deirina," (Deiro), and "Prospero"
(Deiro).
Guido Deiro, Accordionista.
"Tea for Two," (Youmans and
Caesar), and "I Want to be Happy,"
(Youmans and Caesar).

Ipana Thoubadours: S. C.
Lania-Director.
"What Do I Care," (Klages, Greer
and Carroll), and "When You're
Smiling," (Fisher, Goodwin and
Shay).

Ted Wallace and his Campus Boys.
"Piano Medley of Layton and
Johnstone Successes."
Piano solo by Turner Layton.

"Sitting by the Window," (Conrad,
Mitchell and Gottler), and "Mona,"
(Conrad, Mitchell and Gottler).
The Columbia Photo Players.
"Tropical Hula," (Cunha), and
"On the Dream Moana Shore,"
(Dyson).

South Sea Islanders.
"Cigarette, Fox Trot," (Har-
greaves, Damerell and Evans), and
"Moscow, Comedy Fox Trot," (Har-
greaves, Damerell and Evans).
Jack Payne and his B. B. C.
Dance Orchestra.

7.00 p.m. Lesson in Cantonese by
the Rev. H. R. Wells.
7.30 p.m. Experimental programme.
8.00 p.m. Chinese programme re-
layed from Ko Shing Theatre until end
of Play.

9.00 p.m. Weather report.

C. Gordon Mackie was elected Chair-
man of the Chamber for the ensuing
year and Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, Vice-
Chairman.

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MANY OTHER MATTERS

Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith, the Chairman of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, had much to say about silver at the annual general meeting held in the City Hall yesterday afternoon.

Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith, addressing the meeting, said: Gentlemen, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, which have been in your hands for some days, I shall necessarily be brief. As stated in the report, several important questions, to which the Committee has devoted a great deal of time and thought during the past twelve months, have not yet reached a stage at which they can be publicly discussed. The most important of these subjects is the draft Commercial Treaty between Great Britain and China, to which you will have seen references in the Press. We hope to be able to announce later that our efforts have had good results.

Despite civil war and other internal troubles, China's foreign trade shows little or no sign of diminishing, which is an indication of the great expansion that would occur under more settled conditions. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the urgent necessity for abolishing the excessive internal taxation which so severely restricts the free movement of goods, the volume of trade, and the purchasing power of the peasantry, who form the vast majority of the Chinese people, and who are themselves seriously affected, for, to quote a well-known authority on this subject (Sir H. H. Fox):

"In this matter of irregular taxation the Chinese authorities cannot be charged with discrimination against foreign goods, because reports from all parts of the country go to show that Chinese produce coming down from the interior to be shipped abroad is taxed in many cases even more heavily than imports, chiefly for the benefit of military chieftains. Eggs seem to be singled out for severe treatment. A new-laid egg, for instance, on its way from the farm to the port has, in addition to like, to pay customs duty, produce and examination tax, an educational and a charitable tax." (Laughter).

With regard to the proposed abolition of extra-territorial rights, I cannot do better than refer members to the remarks made from the chair at the recent annual meeting of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, as to the essential safeguards which will have to be provided in order to protect and develop trade to and from China.

The Salaries Commission.

You will note from the report that the Committee was asked by the Government for its views on the Report of the Salaries Commission, 1929. We are greatly indebted to the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. M. T. Johnson, and Mr. A. Ritchie for serving as a Special Committee to examine the Report in detail. The drop in exchange occurred after the Salaries Commission reported and I think the members of that Commission will agree with me when I say that a situation with regard to sterling salaries which they naturally did not envisage has since developed. When our Special Committee was first appointed to consider the subject, an exchange in the neighbourhood of 1s. 9d. appeared to be a likely prospect, but the further drop to 1s. 6d. or thereabouts, places the situation in a new light. The Committee thinks it best therefore to withhold from publication, for the present, the comments which were forwarded to the Government on the Salaries Commission Report. Obviously something will have to be done to help Government officials on sterling salaries through the present exchange situation, but it is by no means evident that the method of increasing sterling salaries (already in most cases on a full standard) is the right one, and I imagine that if silver continues at the present very low level the whole subject may have to be reconsidered from a different angle.

Increase of Salary.

The Committee has been consulted by some of its members as to what increase of salary should be given to employees generally to compensate for the higher cost of living consequent upon a depreciated currency. Sterling exchange compensation arrangements are already made by some firms and it is a matter which must be left to individual action, as circumstances differ so greatly in each case. If present exchange levels continue, a corresponding increase in the cost of living for some will result and firms and companies will doubtless do what they can to help their staffs, though it must be remembered that both employers (whose profits are greatly reduced)

as well as employees are affected. Before coming to a decision one might well take into consideration whether the ordinary standard of living in Hongkong is not unnecessarily high at the present time, whether, in fact, the individual's ideas on necessary comforts and his general mode of living have not exceeded the growth and rate of progress of the Colony. If such should prove to be the case, to increase salaries at the present time would be tantamount to encouraging a continuation of this state of affairs. There is a point where it is not economically sound to raise salaries which in the long run must be considered in relation to trade and this should be borne in mind just as much by the Government as it has to be by commercial concerns. After all it is the commercial interests who, in the main, pay the taxation which provides the wherewithal for such payments.

The Dollar.

Fluctuations in the price of silver and in the exchange value of the Hongkong Dollar during the years 1900-1929 are shown in the graph which forms an interesting enclosure to the Chamber's Report for 1929. The depreciation, within six months, of more than twenty per cent in the sterling value of our currency is a fall without precedent in recent years and calls for something more than a general reference to this factor of exchange that in the past year has so gravely affected us as a trading community.

Let me state firstly that the question as to whether high exchange or low exchange is, in the long run, beneficial to the Colony, is a doctrinaire point that I prefer not to deal with here. Those whose interests are definitely linked to silver cannot be expected to regard with complacency a shrinkage in the comparative value of their investments. There is, however, a wider view than that afforded from the personal standpoint. The commercial prosperity of this Colony could not have been achieved, nor is it likely to be maintained, without full consideration being given to the economic policy of our neighbours.

Certain it is that the difficulties we have had to face in exchange during the past year are not due to any feeling of insecurity in our currency. So long as we function on a silver standard we have necessarily to accept the disabilities attaching to that standard, but it has never been urged against us that our metallic reserves are inadequate, that our note issues have been in excess of the public demand, or that any strengthening of our fiduciary obligations could replace the natural corrective of exchange fluctuation—which is adjustment of local prices.

Process of Adjustment.

The difficulty is that the process of adjustment lags behind the movement of exchange. When, as in the present instance, we are faced with an abnormal fall in the price of silver, due to circumstances out of our control, there must of necessity be a serious disturbance in the state of gold commitments incurred in the over-confident expectation that exchange would function normally within those limits to which we had been accustomed and that we had regarded as covering ordinary business risks.

Two factors stand out very clearly as causing the recent collapse. The first is entirely domestic and may be traced back as far as 1925, when acute political disturbances called for prudent measures for steadying our exchange, that were best carried out by counteracting the downward tendency of silver by a premium on our banknotes that were then, as they have always been, the recognised medium for the settlement of contracts in this Colony.

The second factor is the recent adoption of a gold exchange standard by the Government of Indo-China and the incidence of heavy sales of silver by the Government of India.

As regards the first of these factors, public confidence in the wisdom of this policy was evidenced by a demand for our banknotes that, however gratifying it may have then appeared, became in time a serious embarrassment. Our note issues are, of course, subject to legal limitations. These limitations are sufficiently wide to provide for all conceivable currency needs within the Colony, but they were not designed to encourage, or to cope with, outside demands dissociated from our genuine trade requirements. It is not part of the functions of banking to facilitate the hoarding of money, and when the premium on our notes became unwieldy a reversion to the strictly silver standard established by law became imperative. The declared policy of the banks to rehabilitate the silver dollar resulted in a heavy fall in exchange, or what was essentially the same thing, a heavy decline in the premium on the paper dollar.

A Further Fall.

Now, with regard to the second factor, so long as sterling ex-

change was over silver dollar parity and the silver dollar ranked equally with the paper dollar, it was obviously profitable to mint silver dollars and import them into the Colony. Ordinarily this natural process of supply and demand should have speedily restored us to silver parity, but, unfortunately, our demand coincided with the currency adjustment of Indo-China that resulted in abnormally large supplies of silver being placed on the market, and the Government of India, very opportunely for us, also came out as a heavy seller. Our demand, therefore, was more than met by these adventitious supplies, and the net result is that although we are much nearer parity now than we were six months ago, we are still very inconveniently over it. If we are to get back to silver parity we must look for a further fall in exchange, unless by a fortuitous circumstance the price of silver materially rises.

These two factors have brought about a condition of extraordinary complexity. Silver dollars are still being imported because the operation shows an immediate paper profit, but there is no apparent outlet for them. They are not really needed to supplement our currency and sooner or later their dead weight will become a burden only to be relieved by their export as bullion.

I would refer here to a statement made by the Chairman of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation at the recent annual meeting of shareholders. "It is obvious that a small Colony like our own cannot absorb unlimited silver dollars, and further imports of these are much to be deprecated."

Your Committee concurs entirely in this view and regards with concern the continued importation of silver dollars, not only because the difficulties of handling them are becoming increasingly burdensome to the banks, but also because the problem of their ultimate disposal may very conceivably involve the Colony in even greater difficulties in the future.

In this connexion we are gratified to know that the Government has appointed a local Committee of Enquiry into our currency and other cognate matters, with terms of reference sufficiently comprehensive to include all points that have bearing on our present difficulties. We cannot anticipate the findings of that Committee and I will therefore only add that we are justified in hoping that its deliberations on these vital questions will be productive of good results.

Trade Statistics.

Merchant members of the Chamber particularly will be glad to know that the department for the compilation of Trade Statistics is about to resume its operations, and, we hope, more effectively than formerly. Whether this proves to be the case, or not, will depend largely upon merchants themselves. I take this opportunity of appealing to all business firms to see that their staffs fill in the forms promptly and, I would add, intelligently, so that the totals of imports and exports at the end of the month, or at the end of the year as the case may be, are at least approximately correct.

There is one aspect of this matter in which, I am advised, the Chamber of Commerce can usefully co-operate with the Government, and I am sure the Committee will be glad to do so. It has been pointed out that in regard to Cotton Piece Goods, for example, one Chinese character is generally used to represent descriptions which, in the Import headings, would appear under half a dozen names. If these half a dozen items appear in the Export side of the statistics as one item, under one Chinese name, that particular commodity will erroneously appear to be sold more freely than it is bought, and the other five articles will, also erroneously, appear to have been entirely consumed in Hongkong. I mention this as an example of the way in which the statistics may be vitiated. I hope it will be possible, with the help of certain of our members who have special knowledge of the subject, both from the language and the technical points of view, to assist the Government in preparing an explanatory guide to classification in both English and Chinese.

The New System.

I gladly acknowledge that the Government have done all they can to overcome the drawbacks which many people complained of in regard to the former system of collecting statistics. Mr. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports & Exports Department, has been most helpful in all our discussions. Under the new system, it will no longer be necessary to send a messenger to the Import & Export Office with a declaration form to be chopped before the cargo can be received or delivered, and, furthermore, documents may be in either English or Chinese. This will obviate the necessity for re-establishing the special occupation of "permit writers," and queuing up at the Import and Export Office with the at-

tendant evil of queues, as to which complaints have been made in the past. Merchants will be free to maintain a running log of their imports and exports, without any necessity to group them by commodity or steamer, rendering the combined results, say, once a week. If this work is done as part of the regular routine, I am sure it will be of very little trouble. The procedure has been decentralised to the extent that Shipping Companies before signing Bills of Lading or other documents of title will be required to ascertain the name and address of the consignee and or consignor, and to render, as they do at present, copies of their manifests to the Import & Export Office, but with this additional information. Shipping Companies have agreed to give a trial to this system—known as the post-declaration system—which we trust will facilitate the compilation of trade statistics so necessary in these days. It will be appreciated that, considerable additional work and responsibility has been thrown upon the Shipping Companies in this connexion, and we trust that importers and exporters will render them every assistance to ensure the success of the new system.

A fine of \$250 is provided in the Ordinance for non-compliance with the requirement to render statistical information, but I hope few of our members will have to be haled to the Police Court to receive a course of memory training!

Piracy Guards.

Turning to shipping questions, during the year the prevention of piracy on British vessels has been prominently before the Committee and it is satisfactory to note that its efforts, together with those of the Shipping Companies concerned, to secure the provision of properly disciplined and controlled military guards have resulted in freedom of attack for all vessels so provided. Those of us who travel from time to time up and down the China Coast have been impressed by the efficient service rendered by the military guards, and realise that if anti-piracy guards are to be effective in future this discipline and control must be maintained.

When His Majesty's Government advised their intention to withdraw these guards on 1st April, earnest representations were made that they should reconsider the situation so as to maintain these essentials. The Government have, however, decided that for the future guards will be provided through the Hongkong Police, but that until this force is available the present system of military guards will continue at the expense of the Steamship Companies. It is an extraordinary position that in a matter which affects all trading interests the Steamship Companies should have to incur this exceedingly heavy tax on their enterprise. Recruitment, discipline, and control is obviously beyond the scope of the Companies themselves and your Committee is of opinion that to be really efficient these should be maintained by the Naval and Military Authorities. We understand, however, that there will be considerable improvement on the conditions existing prior to the provision of the military guards, and that the new force will be under regular discipline with proper N.C.O.'s, and that the whole force will be effectively controlled.

Survey Regulations.

I desire to comment upon the special work of great importance to the shipping community which the Technical Committee on Shipping Survey Regulations has been doing since its appointment in February, 1929. The members of this Committee are all busy men and they have been holding frequent meetings in the evenings throughout summer and winter for the purpose of advising as to the adaptation of Board of Trade Rules to local shipping. These Rules have naturally had in view mainly European conditions and the Atlantic and Continental trades. Circumstances in the Far East are, of course, very different, and it is simple economics that cooies, carried at very low fares, cannot be given (and would not, in fact, appreciate) accommodation comparable with that provided for, say, a European emigrant to the North American Continent. Furthermore, if the conditions governing the grant of the Hongkong Passenger Certificate are made too onerous, it will follow that shipping will be driven from the port to the detriment of the whole interests of the Colony, and British Shipping Companies will find themselves severely handicapped in competing with ships under other registries whose survey requirements are less exacting. Climatic differences also come into the question. More important than all, valuable trades in Eastern waters which have been established and satisfactorily conducted, as long as, or even longer than, the foundation of this Colony, cannot be jeopardised by the imposition of rules framed to meet entirely different conditions. I am glad to say that this has been fully recognised by the Government and its advisers, who have con-

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TENNIS TOURNNEY.

RUMJAHN ENTER THE SEMI-FINAL.

On the stand court yesterday, the cousins S.A. and H.D. Rumjahn defeated Ng Sze-kwong and Sze-cheung in the fourth round of the doubles championship, and thus joined C.A.L. Rumjahn and Cassumbhoy in the semi-final.

The winners gave a characteristic display, and always had the full measure of their opponents. They were vastly superior as a working force, their team work and tactics taking all the sting out of the individualistic efforts of the Ng brothers.

S.A. Rumjahn showed that he has greatly improved his service, which yesterday functioned accurately and with telling effect. He also drove powerfully on the forehand. His partner shone at the net, where his low volleying won many important points.

Ng Sze-kwong was not half so impressive as of yore, and it was left to his brother to put up most resistance to the Rumjahn attack. But the pair lacked understanding and control of their shots, and were a well-beaten couple.

To-day, E.C. Fincher will meet Ho Ka-lau in the singles championship, and if he wins, "Ernie" should not find a great deal of difficulty in reaching the final stage of the tournament. The stand court is certain to be one of the chief venues of sporting entertainment this afternoon, and visitors can look forward to a match full of exciting exchanges and a close finish.

Yesterday's results in detail were:
Open Championship Doubles, (third round)—S.A. and H.D. Rumjahn beat Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Club Championship, (second round)—L. Forster beat T. J. Price, 6-4, 6-1.
Handicap Singles "B" (third round)—G. E. R. Divett (-1/6) beat N. L. H. Raiton (-3/6) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
To-day's Programme.
Open Championship Singles, (fourth round)—E. C. Fincher v Ho Ka-lau. (Stand Court).
Club Championship, (third round)—D. M. MacDougall (-4/5) v L. Forster (-1/5).
Handicap Singles "A" (second round)—E. R. Price (rec. 2/8) v H. Owen Hughes (-4/8).
Handicap Singles "B" (second round)—Dr. C. H. Burton (rec. 15) v M. D. Scott (scr.).
Handicap Doubles, (third round)—G. E. R. Divett and E. J. R. Mitchell v D. S. and S. E. Green.

INTERESTING CRICKET.

MATCH WITH FRANCONIA CREW.

An interesting cricket match was played on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground yesterday between a team from the R.M.S. Franconia and an eleven chosen from the Army with the inclusion of two civilians in H. Owen Hughes and Col. T. A. Robertson. The local men won by 56 runs.

The Army players went to the wicket first but could do no better than score a total of 124 runs. Lieut. Musson and Owen Hughes were the mainstays of the side each collecting 47 before being dismissed. Ross was the most successful bowler for the visitors, taking five wickets for 17 runs. Jones, the Franconia skipper, had the misfortune to injure his hand in stopping a fast return while bowling and had to retire from the match.

The visiting players met with early disaster on going to the wicket, losing six of their men for only 19 runs. The later batsmen, however, kept their ends up while Pettman did all the scoring but when he left the remaining men were soon dismissed. Pettman knocked up 31 before he was caught, the total reaching 68 runs. Lieut. Col. Wyatt captured five wickets for 16 runs. Scores:

Army XI.
Lieut. Musson, c. Melia, b. Cotterall 47
Cpl. Davis, c. Green, b. Ross 47
Capt. Reynolds, b. Ross 11
Lieut. Wyatt, b. Ross 9
Col. Robertson, c. Melia, b. Cotterall 9
H. Owen Hughes, b. Whitehead 47
Capt. Thorp, c. Whitehead, b. Cotterall 1
Lieut. Christian, b.w., Cotterall 0
Lieut. Anstruther, c. North, b. Ross 15
Capt. Swaine, not out 2
Extras 6
Total (for 9 wks.) 124

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Jones 4 - 14 - 5
Ross 7 - 17 - 5
North 3 - 20 - 1
Cotterall 5 - 33 - 3
Green 1 - 14 - 1
Bairdridge 3 - 21 - 1
Whitehead 1 - 5 - 1

R. M. S. Franconia.
B. Pettman, c. Davis, b. Christian 31
W. R. H. Balbridge, b. Wyatt 6
J. Cotterall, b. Wyatt 6
A. E. Ross, c. Davis, b. Reynolds 0
E. V. Whitehead, b. Wyatt 3
J. Melia, b. Wyatt 0
W. Baxter, c. Owen Hughes, b. Wyatt 8
F. Green, c. Davis, b. Owen Hughes 19
J. Grace, not out 7
V. North, c. Thorp, b. Christian 1
Extras 8
Total (for 9 wks.) 68

A. E. Jones did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Reynolds 5 - 19 - 1
Wyatt 7 - 16 - 5
Owen Hughes 6 - 19 - 1
Anstruther 4 - 8 - 1
Christian 2 - 3 - 2
Musson 2 - 5 - 1

Wayfoong v. Talkoo.

This match will be played at the Chinese Recreation Club (kindly lent for the occasion) on Saturday, at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Wayfoong will be represented by the following:—F. R. Burch, W. J. Clerk, B. P. Massey, G. D. Mead, D. L. Milne-Day, H. V. Parker, J. H. Raikes, M. D. Scott, E. P. Streatfield, M. W. Turner and R. H. D. Wade.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI versus Eastern on the Navy Ground on Wednesday, kick-off at 5 p.m. sharp:—Stirling; Hill, Potouloff; Sloan, Punccheon, Krilovsky; Pankhurst, Stoker, Smith, Wilson and Thompson. Reserves:—Dobson and Hooper.

Morgan, Evans, Nichols, Gowan, Wills.

Marazion were the first to get near goal, Tigwell's shot being saved by Bogle at the expense of a corner, which was cleared after play in a centre from Wills, but Marazion at once took play to the other end, where Bogle had some difficulty in clearing a shot from Tigwell. A corner for Marazion gave the Stormcloud "keeper" some anxiety, his partial clearance going to the feet of a Marazion forward, who sent the ball wide, however. Marazion continued to keep the Stormcloud players in their own half, but several chances of scoring were wasted by poor shooting.

Stormcloud managed to get down the field at last, but a centre from the right wing was not accepted by the inside forwards, and Marazion returned to the other end, where Tigwell retrieved his former luck by making the scores level with a good shot. Both sides fought hard for the winning goal, but the defences held out until the final whistle.

GARRISON NEWS.

YESTERDAY'S NAVY FOOTBALL.

Bruce obtained easy points over Sepoy at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, winning by the large margin of six goals to nil, Hawes obtaining the hat-trick. Teams: Bruce—Bines; Parr, Miller; Hooper, Kirkby, Horner; Hawes, Pearson, Potts, Joyner, Grubb. Sepoy—Jarrett; Farrell, Oakden; Haywood, Bryden, Tuck; Wilding; Coates, Macintosh, Woodley, Exon. From the start Bruce dominated the play, several breaks-away by Sepoy making insufficient ground for a shot at goal to have prospect of success. Potts opened the score with a nice goal from Grubb's pass, and Hawes soon added another with a fast ground shot. Pressure by Sepoy forwards was negatived by erratic marksmanship, and Bruce got down the field again.

Hawes ran through the Sepoy defence to score his second goal, and put on his third just before half-time.

Four goals down at the interval, Sepoy made desperate efforts to reduce the lead when the second half commenced. Wilding ran down on the right and bored in towards goal, his shot hitting the post and coming back into play. After some rather ineffective play in front of goal, the ball was cleared, and Bruce got away again, getting to the Sepoy goal and raining shot after shot at Jarrett, who played a magnificent game in goal. But for his anticipation and judgment, the Bruce score would have been very much greater.

A corner to Bruce was well taken, and after a few short passes Grubb put on the Bruce fifth goal. A raid by Sepoy was easily disposed of, and Bruce came back to their usual position in front of the Sepoy goal, where Kirkby put on the team's last goal from a pass by Hawes. Bruce continued to press for the rest of the game, but Jarrett prevented any further score with some fine saves.

Marazion v Stormcloud.

A draw was the result of this match at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the score-sheet being blank at half-time, and each team scoring once in the second half. Teams: Marazion—Goodall; Ward, L. Glass; Swift, White, Waller; Hudson; Richardson, Routledge, Tigwell, Pankley. Stormcloud—Bogle; Fellingham; Carter; Collins; Turner, Hudson.

HULL CITY GAIN TWO POINTS.

OLDHAM DEFEATED BY ONLY GOAL OF MATCH.

CLAPTON ORIENT WIN.

London, Mar. 31.

Hull secured two valuable points to-day when they defeated Oldham by the only goal of a postponed match. Oldham have now lost the advantage of being a match in hand on Blackpool and the fight for promotion becomes much keener.

In the Southern Section of the Third Division, Clapton Orient defeated Newport by three goals to one.—*Reuter.*

The revised League tables are given below:

Second Division.

Blackpool	35	23	3	9	88	60	49
Oldham	35	19	9	7	78	40	47
Chelsea	35	18	11	6	65	36	47
Cardiff	35	16	7	12	52	44	39
Bradford	35	15	9	11	69	61	39
Bury	34	17	4	13	67	37	38
Southampton	35	14	9	12	63	60	37
Notts Forest	35	12	12	11	49	58	36
Charlton	34	12	11	11	53	40	35
Tottenham	35	13	9	13	61	49	35
Stoke	38	13	8	15	55	64	34
Swansea	35	10	14	11	53	63	34
Wolves	35	13	8	14	61	67	34
West Brom.	35	14	6	16	62	68	33
Reading	36	10	11	15	45	59	31
Preston N.E.	35	10	10	15	52	63	30
Hull	33	12	6	14	44	61	30
Swansea	36	10	9	17	47	59	29
Bradford C.	35	9	11	16	52	68	29
Millwall	35	7	15	13	48	64	29
Barnsley	35	10	8	17	43	62	28
Bristol C.	34	9	7	18	48	72	25

Southern Section.

Brentford	35	24	5	6	83	34	53
Plymouth	33	22	8	3	77	30	52
Brighton	34	19	7	8	76	44	45
Northampton	34	19	4	11	62	41	42
Queen's P.R.	35	16	9	10	63	54	41
Southend	34	14	12	8	60	40	40
Sorwich	34	15	9	10	74	60	39
Fulham	35	15	9	11	71	69	39
Bournemouth	34	13	12	9	57	47	38
Coventry	32	17	3	12	71	58	37
Crystal Pal.	35	14	9	12	55	63	37
Luton	35	13	9	13	55	60	35
Clapton O.	35	10	12	13	37	51	32
Exeter	35	11	9	15	56	55	31
Swindon	35	10	11	14	67	64	31
Watford	35	10	8	17	43	64	28
Newport	34	9	9	16	56	69	27
Walsall	33	10	6	17	64	65	26
Torquay	33	7	8	19	49	78	22
Bristol R.	32	8	5	19	63	78	21
Gillingham	35	7	6	22	35	70	20
Merthyr	33	3	8	22	41	101	14

The following will represent the first team of the Hongkong Hockey Club in their match with the H.K.S.R.A. on the Marina ground at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday—C. L. Gregory, W. Woodward, J. E. Henry, J. G. Christ, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), J. E. Noronha, L. G. Frost, G. E. R. Divett, M. S. Marriott, R. H. D. Wade and T. J. Price.

Mr. Henderson, who in a covering note described the proposals as representing the extreme limit to which he could recommend the British Government to go, under-look that if the proposals were ratified by the Egyptian Parliament, he would at once submit them to Parliament in London with a view to the conclusion and ratification of a treaty carrying them into effect.

The Egyptian Parliament, recently elected with an overwhelming Wafdist majority, authorised Nahas Pasha to visit London with a view to the conclusion of a treaty on the lines laid down.—*British Wireless.*

A Cordial Spirit.

London, Mar. 31.

Mr. Henderson is the principal British delegate, and Premier Nahas Pasha the principal Egyptian one, at the conference to negotiate the Anglo-Egyptian political issues.

Mr. Henderson, extending the British Government's welcome at the public opening in the Foreign Office, said they had met to seal, by a treaty, the friendship of two peoples whose interests were identical in many respects. He refused to contemplate the possibility of failure, and declared that Egypt should be enabled, as a free and independent sovereign state, to play a part in the comity of nations befitting her ancient greatness and modern progress.

Nahas Pasha, replying, said that past failures in negotiations had not discouraged them in their determination to reach a loyal understanding with Britain. They were convinced that the task would be successfully achieved.

It was natural for Britain, the "mother of liberty," joyfully to greet the entry of Egypt, the "mother of all civilisation," into the League of Nations.

The conference then sat privately.—*Reuter.*

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STOLE CLOCK FROM LADY WAS APT.

"TEASED" HEART.

In connexion with the theft of a clock from 25, Nathan Road, F. N. Booth, an employee of Cheung Ching, appeared before the Magistrate on the morning of the charge of breaking and entering and of stealing the clock, with the alternative charge of receiving.

The defendant pleaded guilty to larceny and said there was no actual break in, as a gentle push opened the door.

In reply to his Worship, Detective Sergeant Kellett said the door had been locked but the key was left.

After referring to the Ordinance, his Worship said he did not think the circumstances constituted housebreaking, and the charge was accordingly amended to one of larceny.

The prosecuting officer mentioned that the complainant went out and locked her door at about 10 o'clock on Saturday morning. She had difficulty in extracting the key and left it in the lock. The defendant was employed as a clerk and was on duty that morning.

Clock Pawned.

When Mrs. Booth returned at noon, she found the clock had disappeared. It was subsequently found in a pawn shop and the pawnbroker was able to give a very good description of the man who had taken the clock to pawn. The accountant of the shop was taken to the complainant's house and there recognised the defendant, who later produced the pawn ticket.

In reply to a question from the Bench, Detective Sergeant Kellett said the clock was pawned for \$1, whereas it was worth \$50. There were no suspicions against the pawnbroker. The clock was made of English silver, but did not look as valuable as it actually was. The pawnbroker did not apparently appreciate the value of English silver. If it had been Chinese silver, the clock would not be worth more than a few dollars. He had given the police every assistance possible.

Studying Silver.

His Worship:—Perhaps he's studying the fall in silver.

Detective Sergeant Kellett:—Very likely, your Worship.

A previous conviction under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance was produced against the defendant who was stated to have been employed at the Government Civil Hospital at the time of the conviction.

Making a statement in English in extenuation of sentence, the defendant said at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday a telephone message was received for Mrs. Booth. When he pushed open the door, he found that the lady was out. He saw the clock and it "teased my heart, so I took it away. That was my big mistake and I ask your excuse," added the defendant in requesting his Worship to impose a small fine.

Questioned by his Worship, the defendant said the door was not locked and he thought that probably the lock was out of order.

His Worship said he had to take a serious view of thefts by servants. They were in positions of trust and if they abused the trust placed in them, they should be heavily penalised for it.

The defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

MISREPRESENTATION.

INCOME TAX YIELD.

Mr. Snowden, answering Mr. Mander (L. Wolverhampton, E.) in the House of Commons, on the memorandum and table of the Federation of British Industries on the subject of income tax yield, said: This table puts the produce of the income tax for the year 1928 at £220,000,000 with a yield per penny of £4,583,000. The true figures for that year are £233,000,000 and £4,850,000 respectively.

Apart from this inaccuracy, however, a comparison of the yield of income tax over a series of years cannot properly be made without taking into account the taxation changes which have taken place. There were greater income tax allowances in the later years of this table than in the earlier years, and if adjustments are made on this account, the yield per penny for 1928 is not, as the table states, the lowest of recent years but the highest.

The pessimistic inferences contained in the memorandum are therefore unwarranted, and I cannot think that the interests of trade and industry are being served by the dissemination of inaccurate information in this way. (Loud Socialist cheers.)

CHARGES OF ARSON WITHDRAWN.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE COUNT SUBSTITUTED.

FLOGGING FOR BOY.

On his third appearance before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy on five charges of arson arising out of the outbreaks in Hongkong and Kowloon recently, a thirteen-year-old Chinese this morning had the original indictments withdrawn by the Police and a single count of causing malicious damage to the stair lining of 179, Reclamation Street, substituted.

Mr. W. D. Owen watched the proceedings on behalf of the owner of the premises.

The defendant denied the charge.

The owner of the house was the first witness called and she testified to the fire occurring and intimated that the damage caused amounted to a few dollars.

An inmate of the premises said that she heard a knock on the door on the night of March 15 and on opening it saw a boy run into the street. She could not recognise him, but saw him run away without attempting to assist to put out the fire.

When asked if he had any questions to put the defendant said that he had gone to the floor to warn the occupants that somebody had set fire to the house.

Witness replied that before the person knocked on the door a boy's voice was heard to raise the alarm.

Smell of Kerosene.

A foki of a shop in Temple Street identified the defendant as the person who had purchased two cents of kerosene on the day of the fire. The kerosene was contained in a cigarette tin similar to that produced by the Police. He also recognised the defendant as the boy who was taken to his shop by the Police at 3 a.m. on the 16th, immediately after the fire.

According to the evidence of a Chinese detective the defendant was arrested in Reclamation Street during the early hours of March 16. His clothes smelt of kerosene and a roll of paper and a box of matches were found in his pockets.

In his statement to the Police the defendant denied the charge of arson originally preferred against him in respect of 179, Reclamation Street, and accused two men of having set fire to the premises.

One of the two men accused by the defendant was called and he stated that he did not know the accused. He denied the accusation.

The defendant insisted that the witness had been one of the men who had set the staircase alight. It was he who had asked the accused to keep watch but he had refused.

In registering a conviction his Worship said that he did not know what the defendant's defence was but it appeared to be the very poor one that there were others in the affair. It seemed that he had only wasted the time of the Court. If the original charges had been proceeded with, the defendant would have been sent to the Supreme Court, where he would have got a heavy sentence. A flogging would be better than a heavy term of imprisonment.

In ordering the defendant to receive twelve strokes of the cane his Worship said that he was sorry that that was the most he could give.

PRISON MURDER.

MACHINE GUNS ON WALLS IN PANIC.

A convict on Mar. 6 stabbed to death Mr. Beckwith, the principal keeper of Auburn State Prison, as the result of a personal grudge.

As Mr. Beckwith was superintending the prisoners' match to their tables in the mess-hall, the criminal stepped out of line and plunged a long knife into the chief warder's neck. Mr. Beckwith died within a few minutes.

Panic fell on the other prisoners. They attempted to rush back to their cells; but other warders covered them with revolvers and saved off shotguns; and so brought them to a standstill.

While the murderer was being overpowered and placed in a cell, sirens shrieked from the prison top, and machine-guns on the walls were manned to prevent other prisoners from talking advantage of the excitement and making a break-away.

Beckwith is the third Auburn principal keeper to have been murdered within two years. In an Auburn prison battle, last December, four convicts were killed and seven wounded.

SOUND ADVICE TO DESCENDANTS.

HARMONY AT HOME: RESPECT TO OUTSIDERS.

GRANT FOR SCHOOL.

"My descendants should bear in mind that to found a business is difficult and to maintain an estate is not easy, so let them protect the property founded by me and obey my directions; be filial, affectionate, harmonious and peaceful at home, and be modest, respectful, kind and sincere towards outsiders."

The above is an extract from the will of Wong Tin-keung, alias Wong U Hing Tong, who died at Field Cottage, Kowloon City, on July 18, 1929, leaving Hongkong estate worth \$6,600.

Testator directs that his two daughters, Lin Chan and Lin Kam, on attaining the age of 21, or as soon as they get married, shall be given \$2,000 each for their dowries. He sets the sum of \$1,000 for the promotion of a free school for the education of poor Chinese.

Probate of the will has been granted to Wong Shuk-chiu, clerk of the Customs House, Canton, at present residing at Aimal Villas, Kowloon, and Wong Kwong-tin, merchant, of No. 7, Aimal Villas.

A Widow's Will.

Tong Wong-shi, widow, late of Nos. 176-180 Third Street, who died at that address on May 20, 1929, left Hongkong estate which has been valued at \$11,000. Probate has been granted to her eldest son, Tong Ying-ching, with power for making a like grant to her third and fourth sons, Tong Ying-tsun and Tong Ying-hung respectively.

In her will, testatrix states that she had complied with the will of her husband and had administered the estate and business left by him, but owing to the fact that the eldest, Ying Ching, got absolutely nothing out of the estate left in Hongkong by her husband, she felt her mind was not easy. The will continues:—"In the event of my death, 2/8ths. of the share to which I am entitled under my name shall go to my eldest son, Ying Ching, to administer and enjoy, and the remaining 1/8th shall be appropriated as ancestor-worshipping estate in the country."

PARROT 'DISEASE' VIRUS FOUND.

RESEARCH SUCCESS AT LONDON HOSPITAL.

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DANCING DISPLAY SUCCESS.

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Over seventy pupils took part in Miss Violet Capell's annual dance display at the Theatre Royal yesterday afternoon when a programme of eighteen items was submitted to an excellent audience. The dances ranged from the classical to jazz and all were extremely well performed by pupils of very varying ages.

Their work showed the careful and painstaking instruction they had received at the hands of Miss Capell, who is to be warmly congratulated on the high standard of excellence shown by all the pupils.

The general staging of the display was excellent, and bright and attractive dresses contributed to a colourful display. It is to be repeated on Thursday afternoon at 6.30 and should again command a very large audience.

Following is a list of those who took part:

Seniors.—P. Gittins, I. Woolley, M. Glendinning, R. Wong, H. Ho, J. Bird, E. Ford, P. Capell, E. Rose, S. Ho and D. Forbes.

Juniors.—D. Moss, E. Hallows, P. Stringer, G. Lloyd Jones, J. Knight, M. Marty, A. Vernon, P. Eccleshall, E. Ferguson, A. Ho, P. P. Lawson, D. Jackson, A. Kuworth, Y. Doyle, A. Goodman, J. Todd, A. Newhouse, B. Prosser, E. Richards, M. Doyle and M. O'Hare.

Babies.—D. Woodward, M. Moraes, M. Ferguson, H. Monie, M. Purves, P. Arnold, Y. Browne, D. Barrett, B. Goldenberg, P. Drummond, J. Hutson, C. Quin, A. Fuun, C. Ho, W. Wong, O. Womack, D. Choa, F. Carvalho, C. Carvalho, M. Shand, D. Ho, P. Ho, R. Schwob, M. Covillier, P. Butcher, M. Sorby, J. Lack, D. Shenton, D. Belth, J. Bell, M. Covillier, Y. Perry, J. Douglas, M. Wynne-Jones, E. de Rome, M. Wallace, H. Lauder, S. Wong.

Soloists: George Jowitt and Miss Violet Capell.

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Miss Violet Capell desires to thank the following for their kind assistance, Mesdames L. G. Bird, W. L. Ramsey, S. E. Green, P. Jowitt, W. Goldenberg, Arnold, Griggs; Misses E. Remedios, M. Braga and E. Rose; and Messrs. H. Leung, Gutterres, Jeeves, Lenfestey, and Ramsey; also The Anderson Music Store, The A.D.C. (for loan of scenery), the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (for the loan of baskets), the programme sellers, Madame Eunice for costumes worn in item 14 and by Miss Violet Capell, and G. Arnold, for cover design.

The death has occurred at the Shanghai Country Hospital, of Mr. Antony ("Tony") Popovich, manager of the Savoy Hotel. Mr. Popovich was 60 years of age, and he came to the Far East about 30 years ago, being one of the pioneer cinema picture men in the Orient. He was connected with the old Bijou Theatre, the first cinema picture house in Shanghai, in the capacity of manager, and after some years, took up the post of manager of the Apollo Theatre. In 1918, he left the Apollo Theatre to take over the management of the Savoy Hotel.

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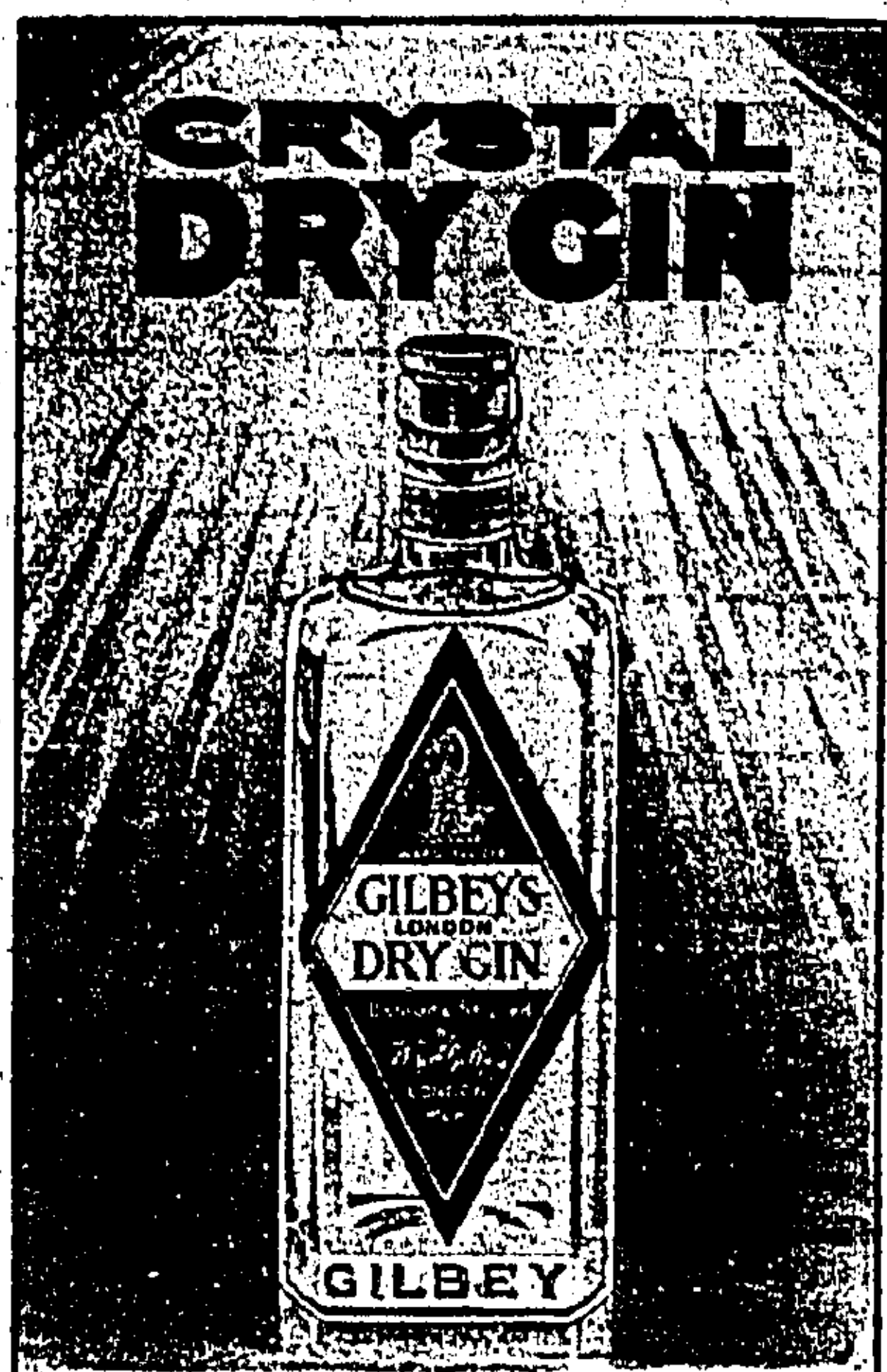


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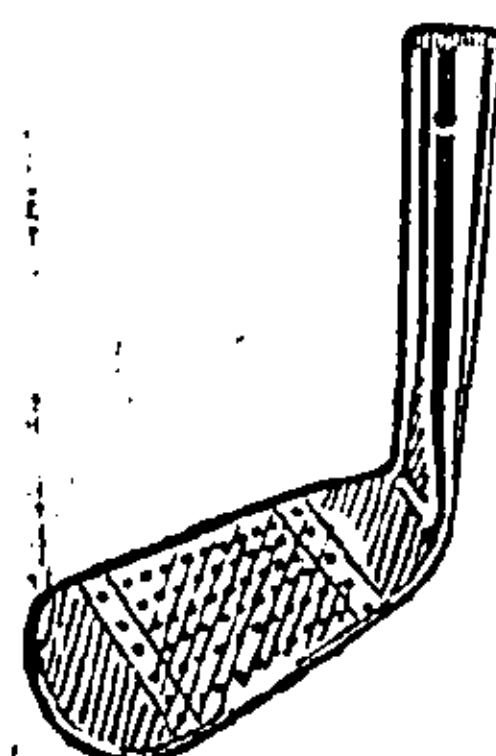
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The Hongkong Telegraph

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1930.

CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERIMENTS.

The world is full of experiments in Constitution making or adaptation. The Mother of Parliaments is trying to adapt herself to the Three Party System. The British Raj is trying to convert itself into a popular government. Ceylon is to have a brand new Constitution. On the other hand are the experiments in the revival in the modern state of ancient dictatorship, and of that form which has always been viewed with the greatest abhorrence, oligarchy, or, as it is called, "the dictatorship of the proletariat." Democracy is held to be on its trial. There is a widespread feeling that it must either evolve new forms for itself or be discarded for the older forms of tyranny, whether of the one or the few.

In many ways the problem of the modern world is just this: how in a society which daily grows more complex the forms of democracy may be preserved. How can they be adapted to mixed communities such as are to be found in South and East Africa; how are they to be initiated in a country dependent on an alien rule, as in India; how are they to be adapted to the new conditions resulting from adult suffrage; and how to the conditions resulting from the growing internationalism of the world? The emergence of the Three-Party System in the British Parliament has brought into prominence the idea of the Council of State as a solution of the problem there. Mr. MacDonald, in pushing the idea, has the immediate practical aim of getting something done in spite of the fact that no Party can command an absolute majority in the House. In this desire he carries with him not only the feeling of the other Parties, but also the electorate, who after the burden of a General Election, do not want to see government paralysed and urgent legislation indefinitely held up just because an increasing variety of view is being shown. So far, all that Mr. MacDonald seems to have meant by the phrase is that under the direction of the Government, measures should be brought forward, in dealing with which there should be substituted for

the old party warfare a sympathetic consideration of their policy by the whole House. The importance of getting things done should be put in the place of the theory that what the Government wants to do is inevitably bad, or at least for the purposes of debate should be so considered by the Opposition.

Under the Two-Party System the slogan that it is the duty of an Opposition to oppose worked not so badly, but now that there are two Oppositions, mere opposition is not good enough. Some compromise is necessary, whereby the Government steers a middle course to which moderate men can rally, and criticism becomes constructive, not factious. Much is being done on these lines in the present Parliament. There has recently been talk of a Liberal-Labours understanding, and it is greatly to be hoped that the two Parties will be able to come to some agreement and that the Conservative Party itself will consider the possibility of making the idea of a Council of State a reality. If it became a reality it would be something much more than a mutual tolerance between Parties, and the substitution of constructive criticism for unbending opposition. It would become a system under which all members of all Parties had some direct share in the work of the government of the day.

Members of Parliament already do a considerable amount of non-party or inter-party work on the Standing Committees of the House and it is suggested that by an extension of this system most of the members, or all, might have a share in the work of the Government. Some such scheme would make for general interest in the work of the House and enable all members to pull together. The new Constitution of Ceylon is based on a similar plan. There are to be elections on the basis of universal suffrage, but when once the representatives are returned on the different party tickets they are severally to be attached to the different departments of the Government as committees advising and working with the Minister, and thus share not only in the deliberative and legislative work of the Government but be closely connected with its executive action. Whether any such development is really possible in the British Parliament is not yet clear, but it seems likely that the difficulties of the Three Party System and the impatience of private members at the waste of their energies under the present system will tend to some such plan.

Chamber and Civil Service.

Explicit in our condemnation of any attempt to adopt the recommendations of the Salaries Commission while the dollar remains at its present low level, we had intended to leave matters where they stood, to await the Government's next move. We had stated the objections clearly. We were content. But fresh facts have come to light which require, more than ever, that the views of the taxpayer should be exhibited. We were under the impression that the Secretary of State's approval had been withheld until the views of the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council had been heard. That is not so. It is now pointed out that permission to introduce the Report to the Council implies that the Home Government will raise no objection to the proposals if they are acceptable to the Legislative Council in Hongkong. In other words, the vitally interested Official Majority may decide the fate of the Report on a division. The taxpayer has one safeguard, and only one. Unofficial Opposition cannot be defied. We hope that unity among the Unofficials may be assured, but lest there should be any doubt on this score, it is essential that the voice of public opinion should make itself heard. Great encouragement is to be derived from the tone of the comments at last night's meeting of the General Chamber of Commerce. The Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith, the chairman, endorsed this journal's attitude in a marked manner. We pointed out last week

DAY BY DAY.

THE DEMAND THAT ALL OTHER PEOPLE SHOULD RESEMBLE OURSELVES GROWS BY WHAT IT FEEDS ON.
—J. S. Mill.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia," from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 28th March at 6 a.m.

The dollar showed a slight recovery this morning, the opening rate on Demand being 1s. 6 1/16d.

Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. and Mrs. F. W. James in the heavy bereavement they have suffered by the death of their daughter Barbara which has just occurred at Eastbourne.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. John Henry Cowan, lightkeeper, Swatow, residing at No. 748, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Ho Yau-kam, of the same address.

Mr. Tolan, of the Hongkong Telephone Company, has made a report to the police to the effect that a workman fell off a ladder whilst engaged at work in Carnarvon Building yesterday. The man was not seriously injured.

The death occurred on Thursday, March 27, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, of Mrs. Buchanan, wife of Gilbert Buchanan, chief engineer of the s.s. Wenchow. The deceased lady, who was only 36 years of age, was well-known in Shanghai and Hongkong.

Miss Ruth Clover, of 200, Sai Yeung Choi Street, reports that about 7.20 p.m. yesterday, whilst she was walking along Shanghai Street, a Chinese snatched her handbag from her and disappeared. The bag contained \$34 in money and articles.

Father Macdonnell, S. J. will deliver a lecture on "Literary Links between East and West" today at 5.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. This lecture is given under the auspices of the Hongkong Branch of the English Association.

Leung Wah-chi, resident at 175, Reclamation Street, who was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital last night suffering from injuries to the head, is stated to be in a serious condition. He was the victim of an accident whilst working on the s.s. Kum Sang, a hatch cover falling down on him.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Cecil Graham Perdue, A.S.P., who is still in the Kowloon Hospital with the wound to his foot received accidentally when dealing with people brought back to Hongkong after the piracy of the s.s. Haiching, to Miss Margaret Knight North, a nursing sister at the Kowloon Hospital.

Admitting a charge of larceny of a brass tap from the Government store in Shanghai Street, a Chinese who was arrested in possession of the article, was fined \$10 or fourteen days' hard labour by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Mr. J. Barnett, of the Water Works, intimated that the defendant had got into the yard of the Government store.

When mention was made before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning of the case in which two men and a woman are charged with being concerned in the sale of two girls, Mr. Arthur Covey represented the first accused and applied for the reduction of his bail of \$2,000. There being no objection from the prosecution, the bail was reduced to \$1,000 and the defendants remanded for one week for hearing on Thursday the 10th. It was stated that Mr. C. E. L. Grist would appear for the third defendant.

that the new conditions produced by the slump in exchange had destroyed the value of the report, which was already out of date. The Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith said that the drop in exchange occurred after the Commission had reported and he thought the members of the Commission would agree with him when he said that a situation with regard to sterling salaries which they naturally did not envisage had since developed. Mr. Beith is also of the opinion that the whole subject may have to be reconsidered from a different angle. Mr. A. E. Ferguson took a similar line, and it is notable that both speakers, in references to the future of silver, anticipated a further fall. This factor in itself is an important consideration: an average fall of even a penny over a year would, under the recommendations, cost the Government nearly a million dollars in additional salary charges. Where is the line to be drawn?

REHEARING OF AN OPIUM CASE.

MAGISTRATE CANCELS HIS
CONVICTION.

FRESH EVIDENCE.

The re-hearing took place before Mr. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, yesterday, of the case in which a Chinese woman, named Kwan Foon, had been fined \$25,000 for the possession of a large quantity of contraband opium which was found by Revenue Officers secreted in a window frame of No. 65, Pokfulam Road, of which, it was alleged, the woman was the principal tenant.

At the original hearing the Magistrate decided that the defendant was the principal tenant, but, on the application of Mr. D. L. Strolett, he granted a re-hearing as there was fresh evidence on this point.

The rent collector, giving evidence, said that although he had received the rent from a woman, he was sure the woman was not the defendant.

Asked by the Magistrate why he had not stated this at the first hearing, when he simply stated that the rent had been paid by a woman, the rent collector said that he had not been asked that question.

The accused was discharged, the Magistrate holding that it had not been proved that the woman was the principal tenant of the floor on which the opium had been discovered.

TO STOP RUBBER PRODUCTION.

ANGLO-DUTCH PLAN MEETS
WITH APPROVAL.

MALAYA SUPPORTS.

London, Mar. 31. The Rubber Growers' Association announces that whereas the minimum necessary to make the Anglo-Dutch liaison committee's scheme operative was seventy per cent, both from European owned estates in the Dutch East Indies and the British rubber producing territories, assents received up to the present total well over eighty per cent.

Advices from Malaya further indicate most substantial support from Asiatic producers. The scheme will therefore become operative during the month of May and it is hoped that the total assents will represent a tonnage equivalent to over half the world's production.

The Anglo-Dutch liaison committee reached an agreement on certain recommendations, and on February 7 resolved that these should be submitted to the respective Associations for their approval. Shortly afterwards Dutch, French, Belgian, Swiss and German producers met to discuss the Anglo-Dutch proposals and almost unanimously adopted the proposal to stop rubber production during the month of May.

It will be seen that the respective Associations have now given bigger support to the proposal than was anticipated.—*Reuter.*

AN EARLY MORNING INTRUDER.

KOWLOON THIEF IS CAUGHT
AFTER CHASE.

A burglary at an unnumbered hut in Ashley Road, opposite the Kowloon Hotel, was recalled before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a Chinese was charged with larceny.

The defendant pleaded guilty. According to Detective Sergeant Humphreys, the three people who appeared as complainants all lived in the hut and at 6.15 a.m. yesterday one of the women awoke to arouse the others. She saw the defendant crouching in a corner ransacking the premises. She raised the alarm and her husband ran after the defendant who rushed out and was later caught hiding in the doorway of the Star Theatre. Some of the missing articles were found on him.

It was stated that the defendant gained admission by removing a sort of gate leaning against the door, which had been kept closed by the weight of the obstacle. The defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

New York, Mar. 31. It is reported that Dr. Joseph Rock, the Director of the National Geographical Society's expedition to south-west China and Tibet, who has just returned to America, discovered a higher mountain than Everest in the Himalaya range.—*Reuter.*
[Mount Everest is 29,141 feet high.]

The Very Idea!

When people nowadays grumble at the waste of time in the House of Commons, and complain that it is all talk and no work, they may receive a melancholy satisfaction from knowing that others in bygone days had to complain of just the same thing.

While Mr. Popham was Speaker of the House of Commons, and the House had sat a long time and in effect done nothing, coming one day to Queen Elizabeth, she said to him, "Now, Mr. Speaker, what has passed in the Lower House?"

"If you please, Your Majesty, seven weeks."

"Who was it that laughed just now?"

"I did, sir. But I did not mean to."

"What do you mean?"

"Well, I laughed up my sleeve, but I did not know there was a hole in the elbow."

Coroners from time to time make remarkable suggestions, but one of the most original yet encountered is the proposal that school children should be taught how to dodge motor omnibuses before they are started on the alphabet. A commentator says he is inclined to agree that instruction in "Safety First" principles should begin early, but "dodging" omnibuses is surely not an art in which the very young should receive instruction.

To "dodge" an omnibus implies that one is in the track of the approaching vehicle, which is precisely where one should not be. After all, the teaching of a child to look both ways before crossing a street and never to cross until the street is clear should not occupy a great amount of time each day. The mistake is to imagine that the child will necessarily do what it knows to be right, or that old heads will ever be found on young shoulders.

"A man just told me I looked like you."

"Where is he? I'll knock his head off."

"I've just done it!"

Some more schoolboy "howlers." Nostrom is a platform from which orators speak through the nose.

Spinster is the Latin word for left.

Edward the Third would have been King of France if his mother had been a man.

Ket's Rebellion was caused by the enclosure of the Commons on which the poorer classes used to graze.

"Yes, the doctor said there were somethin' wrong with 'er tissues."

"Her what?"

"Er tissues."

"Here, Mrs. T., don't 'urry. Wait till you get over your fit of sneezin'!"

The Chater Memorial Scholarship of the value of \$800 a year has been awarded to Mr. E. L. Gosano who passed the Matriculation Examination of the University of Hongkong in November, 1929, from St. Joseph's College. Mr. Gosano has been admitted to the Medical Faculty of the University.

Anatole France created the figure of Jerome Crainquebille as a peg for sundry sardonic reflections on human justice as dispensed in the courts of law.

Wrongfully accused of having insulted Constable 64, who had ordered him to move on, Crainquebille was condemned, after a very summary trial, to a fortnight's imprisonment. But on his release, he found it impossible to make a living. His character was gone, and was quickly followed by his savings. Poverty came and a rainy winter. Cold and hunger drove the ex-convict to seek for shelter by strange means.

He insulted a policeman deliberately. But this, second arm of the law in no way resembled Constable 64. An oldish and kind-hearted man, he turned a deaf ear to Crainquebille's insults, and passed on.

The author's own comments on the case are put into the mouth of the one member of the jury who had the wit to perceive that the aged hawker was innocent. A judge may not admit a policeman to be in the wrong, he says ironically, for he would be sapping public confidence in the whole legal system. Do not ask justice to be just, are his bitter concluding words; it has no need to be just since it is justice.

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(Continued from Page 1.)

provision must be made for some means of escape.

Additional Escape.

How far is it from the ground to the top in this house?—Approximately 42 feet.

How, then, did it come about that the plans for this house were passed with no means of escape?—The original plans, which were approved in 1916, showed a hatchway and trap doors to the roof in the rear kitchen, together with ladders. The means of escape from the front was by the balcony. In 1923, additional fire escapes were provided for the front of the buildings.

Burnt Down Previously.

These houses were burnt down in 1923, were they not?—Yes.

And rebuilt in the same form?—Yes.

And for the front part, extra means of escape was provided both from the top and first floors?—Yes. The extra means of escape were provided by trap doors from the verandahs.

But for the rear of the houses there were no extra means of escape provided?—No.

The Coroner pointed out that they had no evidence to show why the inmates did not avail themselves of the escapes.

Conflicting Statements.

Mr. Moss, of the Fire Brigade, asserted that there was no means of escape at the rear.

The Coroner replied that he had the evidence of the original plans to show there was means of escape.

In reply to another question, Mr. Bottomley said that so long as plans for buildings conformed with the requirements of the Ordinance, his department were bound to pass the plans. They did what they could to improve the conditions of the plans, by suggesting the use of reinforced concrete construction on modern lines. They were doing this throughout the Colony, but they could not enforce it. The most they could do was to encourage the idea.

Owners' Objections.

They often met with discouragement, and found that many of the owners would not comply with their requests because they wanted to erect their houses as cheaply as possible. The general tendency, however, was to build better houses of that type. They did not propose to reconstruct No. 12, Smithfield unless they were assured that ample means of escape in case of fire were to be provided.

Mr. Lindsell:—Then I understand you will not allow No. 12 to be re-conditioned without better means of escape?

Witness:—That is so.

I gather that you will not be able to require this provision from the other five houses?—I think it will be very difficult. We have no power to require it with the other houses. I have visited two of the other houses and found that they have the ladders and trap doors ready for use.

No Ladder.

The principal tenant of the floor was then recalled and she admitted that for the three years that she had been living there, she had seen no ladder of the type referred to.

The owner of the property, a Chinese lady, was also called by the Court, to give evidence in this connexion. She said she did not know of the necessity of keeping a top floor ladder at the back. She also did not know that there was a trap door on the roof, as she had never been up there.

A discussion ensued between the Coroner and Mr. Bottomley in regard to the responsibility of landlords, his Worship suggesting that

PUBLIC SCHOOL FAGGING.

COMPLAINT OF MENIAL AND DIRTY WORK.

Mr. Herbert A. Wootton, Headmaster of Perse School, Cambridge, sought to recover £32, 6s. 8d., at Marylebone County Court, from Mr. G. Arnot, of Froggnal-lane, Hampstead, boarding fees of his two sons.

Mr. St. John Field (for Mr. Wootton) said that Mr. Arnot complained that his sons' clothes were neither repaired nor cleaned; that his sons were insufficiently fed, and that the power granted to the prefects led to continual friction. His sons told him, he said, that they had to scrub, dust and sweep the gymnasium and corridors, and if they did not do it to the satisfaction of the prefects they received punishment, corporal or otherwise.

Mr. Arnot, giving evidence, said that when his boys returned home they looked overworked and undernourished, pale and thin. Their clothes were neglected and showed grease spots.

Cross-examined, Mr. Arnot said he would expect that a boy of 13 or 14 would have to do fagging at a Public School.

Eric Arnot, one of the boys, said that at Perse School it was his job to sweep the passage, and unless he could get the one broom there was he had to go down on his hands and knees.

"If we didn't do it we were warned once, perhaps twice, and the third time were caned with the heel of a shoe by a prefect," he said.

Headmaster's Denial.

Mr. Wootton denied that the Arnot boys looked undernourished and said that there was no reason for complaint as to the state of discipline at the school. He was not aware that the boys had to do regular sweeping.

William Frank Purcell, a Cambridge undergraduate and head prefect at Perse School at the time the Arnots were there, said he was satisfied with the food, and his clothes were dealt with satisfactorily. For disobedience small boys were given lines, and for "cheek" they were slipped.

Mr. Wootton was awarded £32, 6s. 8d. and costs. In response to a claim for disbursements £20 12s. 10d. had been paid into Court.

Mr. Andrew (for Mr. Arnot) consented to judgment for £23 in a second action by the Governors of the school.

Judge Snagge said that he was satisfied that the food was proper and sufficient and that the work the boys were called on to do was not of a dirty or menial character and could not be deemed to be outside the ordinary job of fagging.

He added that there was nothing to show that there was excessive disciplinary power at the school or use of it.

Owners' Responsibility.

His Worship agreed that the Building Authority could not be expected to visit every house in the Colony to ascertain that the requirements were fulfilled. The responsibility rested entirely with the owners to see that that means of escape from fire was provided.

Mr. Bottomley said he would make a note of the suggestion, while awaiting instructions from his Department.

Both the owner of the property and the proprietor of the joss-paper shop on the ground floor, where the fire originated, were censured before the enquiry closed, the former regarding her lapse in the matter of the trap door ladder, and the latter against a repetition of negligence in the matter of the chetty if he should decide to carry on the same business in the future.

RE-BUILT TOKYO.

JAPANESE THANKS TO HONGKONG.

We have received from the Hon. Colonial Secretary copies of correspondence which has passed between the Hongkong Government and the Consul-General for Japan, Hongkong, relating to the reconstruction of Tokyo. The letters are as follow:

H.I.M.'s Consulate General, Hongkong, 24th Mar., 1930.

Sir,—Under the instruction of my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, after nearly six and a half years' labour and expenditure of eight hundred million yen, the programme of reconstruction of Tokyo which was destroyed by earthquake and fire in September, 1923, has been almost completed, and that the celebration for rebuilding of Tokyo is to be held in that capital city on this day, March 24th, with the participation of H.I.M. the Emperor of Japan.

On this solemn occasion, I have the honour to express, in the name of the Government of Japan, my sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the generous sympathy and kind help afforded by your Government and people in the event of that most horrible catastrophe.

Please be good enough to convey my sense of gratitude to the Officer Administering the Government and the people of this Colony. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Signed) T. YOSHIDA,
Acting Consul General of Japan,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong.

31st Mar., 1930.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 24th March, 1930, conveying the welcome news that the programme of reconstruction of Tokyo, which was destroyed by earthquake and fire in 1923, has been almost completed, and that the celebration for the rebuilding of Tokyo was to be held on the 24th March last, with the participation of H.I.M. the Emperor of Japan, and expressing the thanks of your Government for assistance rendered by the Government and people of this Colony.

Your letter has been laid before His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, who directs me to request you to convey to the people of Japan the congratulations of this Colony, not only upon the courage displayed by them in the face of a calamity of unparalleled magnitude, but also upon the successful completion of their heroic task of rebuilding one of the great cities of the world.

I am also to state that the Colony of Hongkong takes pride in having been able to afford some assistance to the people of Japan in the hour of their need, and feels assured that such co-operation has cemented yet more closely the ties of friendship which have ever bound together the Japanese and British nations.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

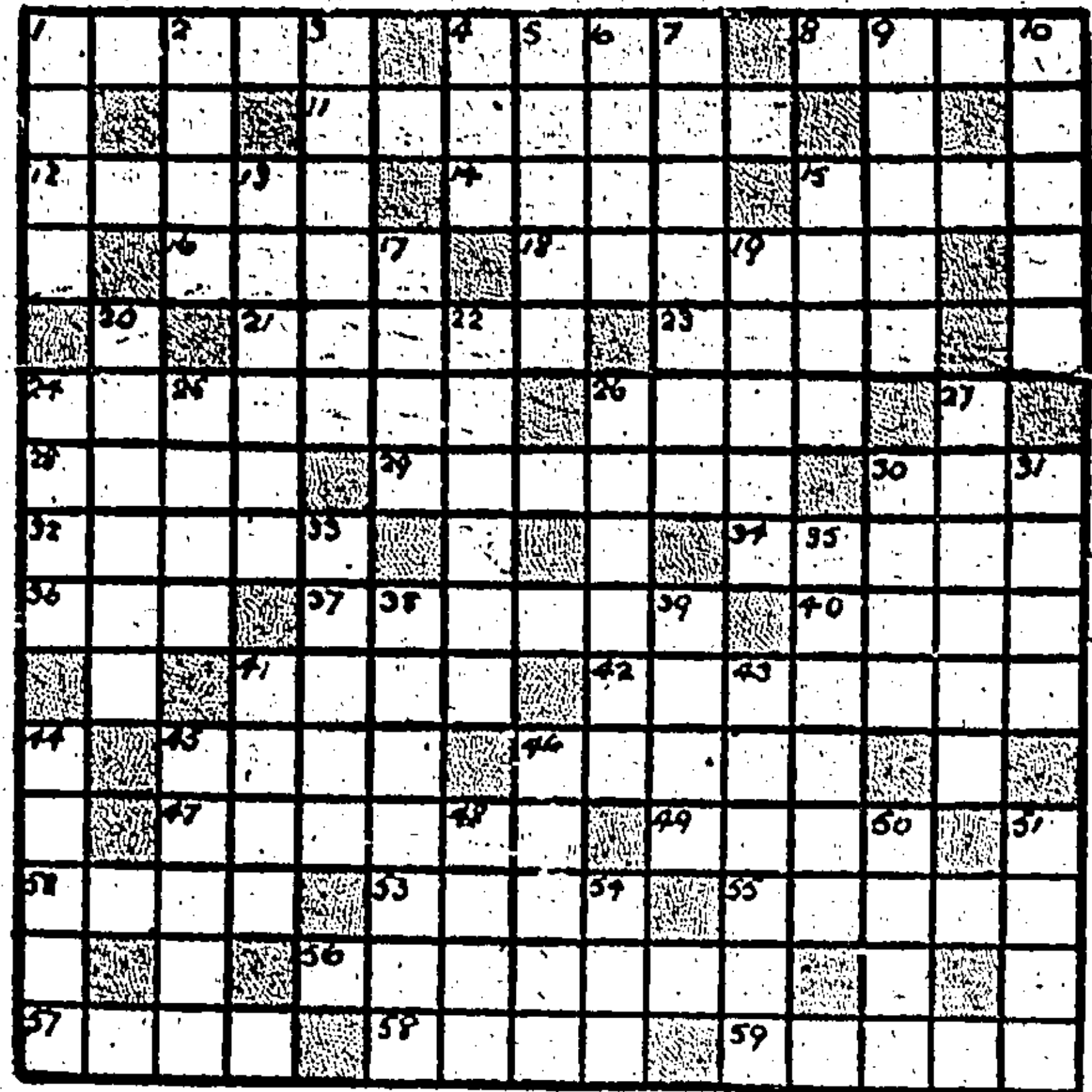
(Sd.) E. R. HALLFAX,
Colonial Secretary.

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Lisbon	108.30
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Shanghai	1/10 1/2
Yokohama	2/0 13/32
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Oslo	18.17
Prague	164.4
Madrid	39.05
Athens	375
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Hongkong	1/7 1/2
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—British Wireless.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS



Across:
1 Suit.
4 Deeds.
8 Nent.
13 Fence.
14 In what place?
15 Child's "Mother."
16 One who colours.
18 Desire.
19 Neuralgic pain.
21 Lade out.
23 Endow.
24 Earthenware vessel.
26 Gala.
28 Tune.
29 Split.
30 Church seat.
32 Becomes insipid.
34 Fashion.
36 Era.
37 Diadems.
40 Extra seed covering.
41 Agony.
42 Assemble.
43 Traded.
46 Enacting punishment.
47 Plea.
49 Enlarge.
52 Decoy.
53 Thin flat, piece of wood.
55 Live.
56 Free.
57 Mourning.
58 Dash.
59 Sovereign.

Down:
1 Dish.
2 Sailed through the air.
3 Ditch.
5 Object.
6 Measure of duration.
7 Trimmed by lopping.
9 Poetry.

10 Dark.
13 Villain.
15 Dash.
17 Having toes.
19 Rituals.
20 Vision.
22 Prayer.
24 Child's "father."
25 Roof covering.
26 Sutor.
27 Widow.
30 Funeral pile.
31 Part of a boat.
33 Climb.
35 Animal fat.
38 Solved.
39 Tune.
41 Stick store.
43 Food store.
44 Scotch garments.
45 Twig.
46 Merchantman's flag.
48 Fete.
50 Livid mark.
51 Smudge.
54 Head covering.

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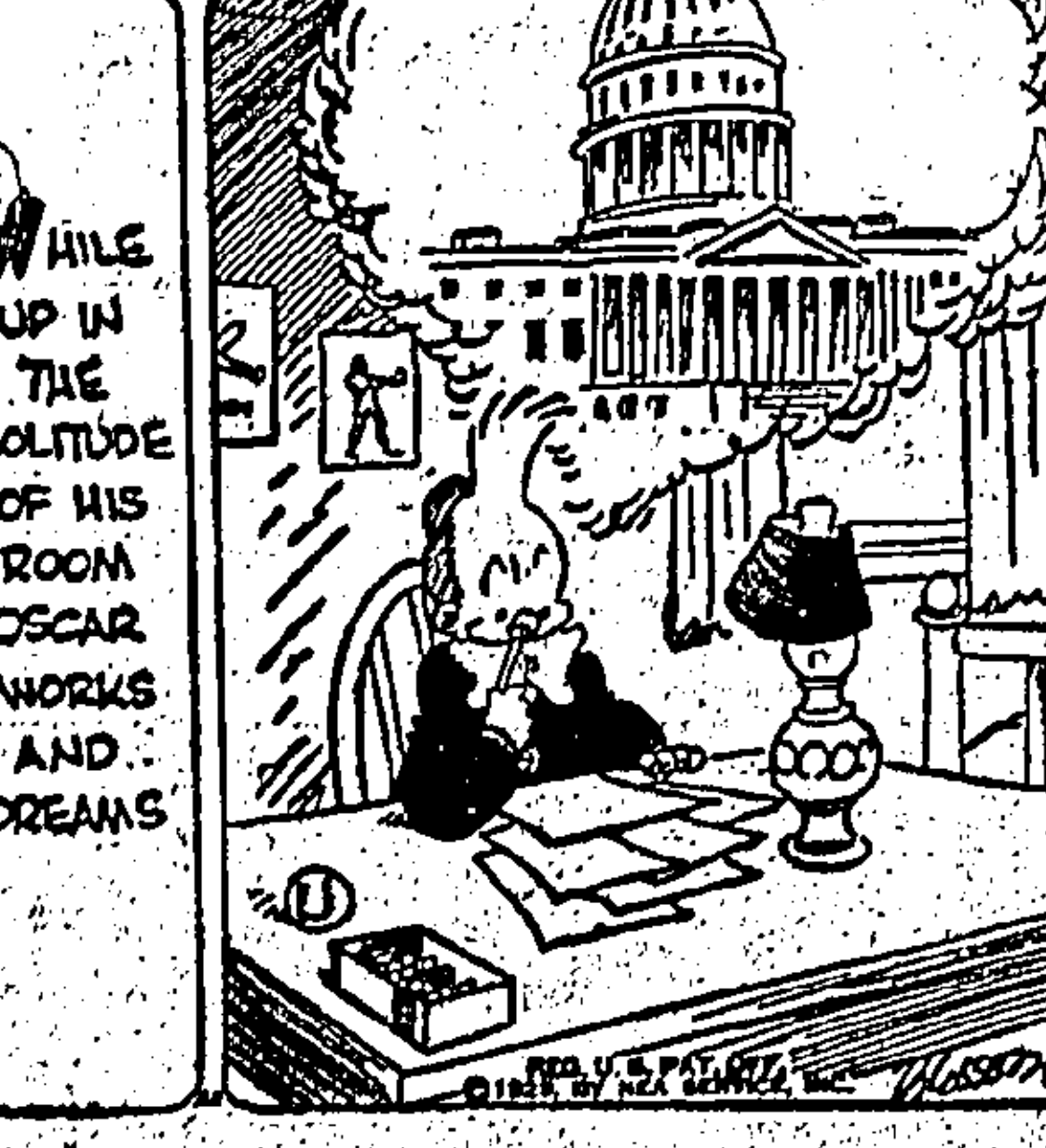
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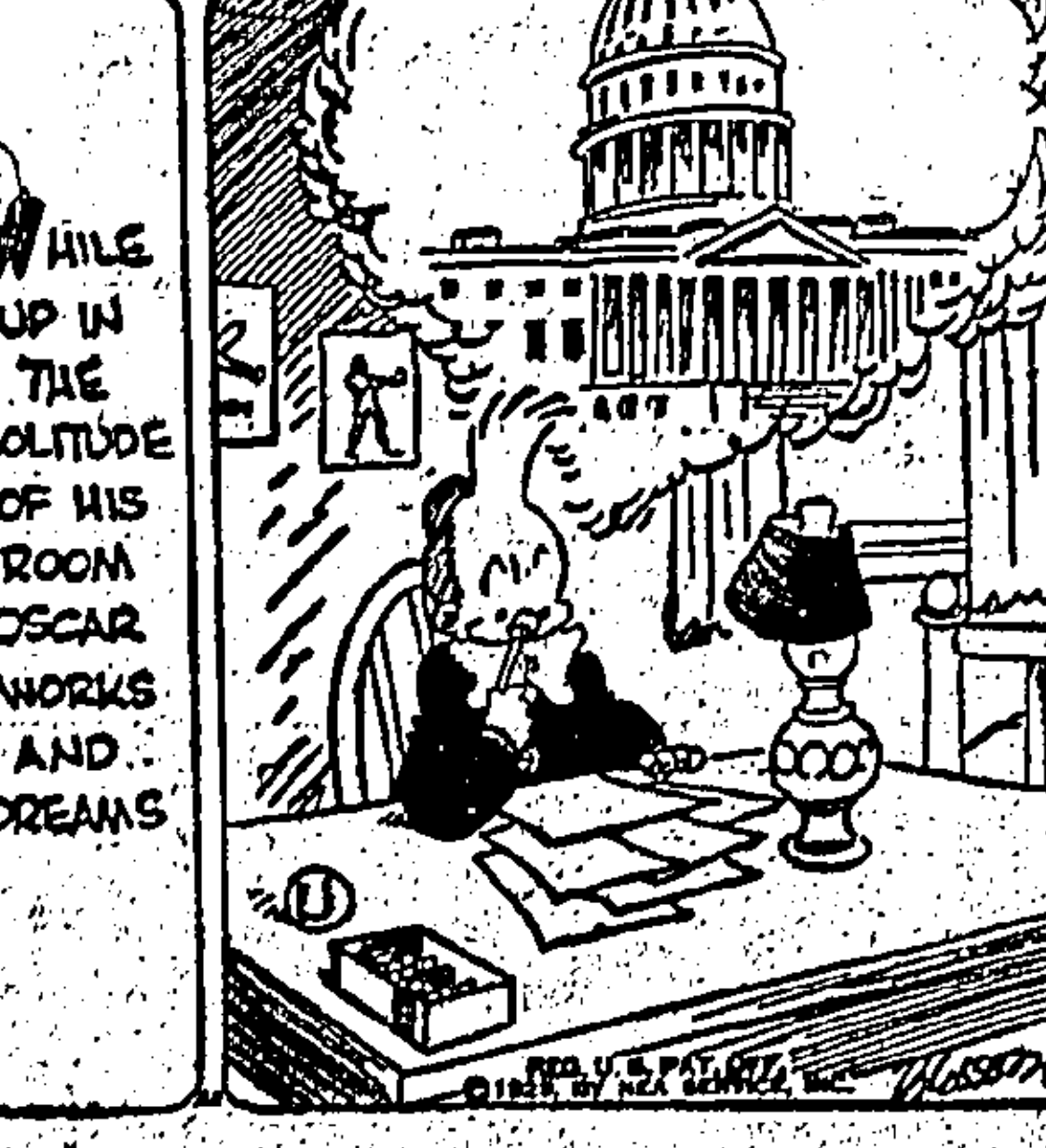
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Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$2 for Ladies, are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all Chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, badges (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted. Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

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Kowloon Quarry No. 2	Shek Shan	3.75	3,500	350
Kowloon Quarry No. 4	Ma Tau Kok	1.00	900	100
Kowloon Quarry No. 5	Ma Tau Kok	1.27	900	100
Kowloon Quarry No. 6	Hok Un	.46	100	100
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HAROLD T. CREASY,

Director of Public Works.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1930.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
The following is the list of 1000 share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1400 n.
Chartered Bank, £181 n.
Mercantile A. & B., £30 n.
East Asia, \$100 b.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$810 b.
Union Ins., \$430 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$1.30 s.
China Fires, \$350 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$900 b.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$231 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$261 s.
Indo-China, (Def.), \$60 s.
Union Waterboats, \$26 b.

Mining.
Benquet, \$5.80 h.
Kailans, \$3.9 n.
Langkats, Tls. 13.60 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.
Raub, \$20 b.
Tronohs, 21/- n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$156 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$34 b.
China Providents, \$5.40 h.
Hongkongs, Tls. 222 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 8. b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 130 b.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.60 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 87 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$13.25 b.
H. K. Lands, \$74 b.
Shai Lands, Tls. 240 n.
Humphreys, \$14. n.
Realities, \$8.80 s.
Chinese Estates, \$98 s.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$21.40 h.
Peak Trams (old), \$1.75 n.
Star Ferries, \$72 b.
China Lights, (Old) \$231 b.
H. K. Electric, \$731 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 b.
Telephones, \$131 b.
China Buses, Tls. 19. b.
Singapore Traction, 10/- s.

Industrials.
China Sugars, 80 cts. b.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald. Macg. Ord. Tls. 10 n.
Canton Ice, \$2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.), \$16.30 b.
Ropes, \$7.75 s.
United Asbestos, \$5 b.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$221 b.
Watsons, \$11.70 n.
Der A. Wings, '80 b.
Lane Crawfords, \$2.50 b.
Macintoshes, \$18 b.
Sinceros, \$12 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$281 b.
Constructions, \$1.30 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 62% n.
H. K. G. Loan 7% Prem. s.

CINEMA NOTES.

BACK STAGE SETTING IN TALMADGE PICTURE.

The entire back-stage section of a mighty modern theatre, reinforced by concrete pillars and pilasters, had to be constructed on one of the United Artists sound stages to accommodate the hundred girls used in the musical show sequences of Norma Talmadge's "New York Nights," the crowd-drawing, all-talking picture opening at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow. The set, with its hum of busy industry and crowds of girls, was so reminiscent of the real thing that John Wray and Roscoe Karns, both in the cast, thought they were back on Broadway.

Hollywood's shapeliest and smallest girls, most of them with actual revue experience, were selected by director Lewis Milestone. Larger and heavier girls found places in the "best trust"—showdown's unkind name for the portlier chorus girl.

A number of unusual camera shots from an altitude of thirty feet catch the girls as they dance and sing on their reinforced stage.

Playing opposite Miss Talmadge in a role which demands the extreme in acting is Gilbert Roland, the romantic hero of the star's past three successes. Roland impersonates the carefree, lazy, ginkling songster husband to Miss Talmadge's depiction of a typical Broadway chorine.

Lilyan Tashman as a hard-boiled show girl and Mary Doran as a back-stage gold-digger complete the cast.

Glenn Tryon's Hebbies. Glenn Tryon, co-star of "Skinner Steps Out," rollicking Universal farce comedy with dialogue now at the Queen's Theatre, has no trouble at all amusing himself between pictures.

Tryon has enough hobbies for half a dozen men. He likes to putter around his garden, planting flowers and taking care of them. He is extremely fond of hunting and fishing. His collection of rifles and rods constitutes one of his most cherished possessions.

His love for the outdoors also manifests itself in horse-back rides and long walks in the country.

Water and boats also are Tryon favourites. He is always planning a long yacht cruise to distant lands—always his screen work necessitates a postponement of the cherished plan.

He also is an enthusiastic motorist. He owns two cars, one of expensive, the other of inexpensive make. He is fonder of the inexpensive one, which he has fitted up with every kind of accessory.

Music is another of his hobbies. He plays the "cello," violin, trombone and cornet—but not with such dexterity as to forfeit his amateur standing, he asserts.

Tryon displays some of the best acting of his career in "Skinner Steps Out." Beautiful titian-haired Merna Kennedy again appears as his leading lady. She is co-starred with him. William James Craft directed the picture, which is based on one of Henry Irving Dodge's famous "Skinner" stories.

GOING TO SHANGHAI.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK ARRIVES AT HANGCHOW.

Shanghai, Mar. 31.
Chinese newspapers state that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, accompanied by his wife and suite, arrived at Hangchow from Ningpo yesterday afternoon. He is staying for two or three days at Hangchow before going to Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan	Ginyo Maru	April 1.
Batavia	Tibadak	April 1.
Singapore	Shirala	April 1.
Shanghai and Swatow	Soehow	April 2.
Japan	St. Albans	April 2.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 8th March), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Korea Maru	April 2.
Europe via Negapatam, (Letters only, London 6th March and parcels 27th Feb.)	Patroclus	April 3.
London (parcels 27th Feb.) and Straits	Khyber	April 3.
Japan	Kanagawa Maru	April 3.
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	April 4.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 7th March), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. van Buren	April 5.
Australia and Manila	Nelore	April 7.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 14th March), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Grant	April 7.
U.S.A. (Seattle 22nd March), Canada, Japan and Shanghai	President Lincoln	April 11.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 22nd March), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Shinyo Maru	April 16.
Canada (Victoria 29th March), U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia	April 18.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Saigon	Pong Tong	Tues., Apr. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Tues., Apr. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kochow	Tues., Apr. 1, 4 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Takada	Tues., Apr. 1, 4 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Chang Kiang	Tues., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Foosbing	Tues., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Shirala	Tues., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Shako Maru	Tues., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., America and Europe via South America and Europe via Siberia	Tenyo Maru	Wed., Apr. 2, Registration Apr. 1, 5 p.m. Letters Apr. 2, 5.30 a.m. (Due San Francisco 25th April.)
Shanghai	Perseus	Wed., Apr. 2, 10.30 a.m.
Japan	Indus Maru	Wed., Apr. 2, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Wed., Apr. 2, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Van Heutz	Wed., Apr. 2, 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Wed., Apr. 2, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tsinan	Wed., Apr. 2, 3.30 p.m.
Rabaul	Bremchenen	Wed., Apr. 2, 4.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Menado Maru	Thurs., Apr. 3, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydranges	Thurs., Apr. 3, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Mishima Maru	Fri., Apr. 4, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fooschow	Hai Ning	Fri., Apr. 4, 2 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	St. Albans	Fri., Apr. 4, Registration Noon. Letters 1.45 p.m. (Due Thursday Island 19th April.)
Fooschow	Taming	Fri., Apr. 4, 3.30 p.m.
"Straits, East Africa via Mombasa, South Africa via Laurence, Marques and South American Ports	Kanagawa Maru	Fri., Apr. 4, 5 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong	Fri., Apr. 4, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Katori Maru	Sat., Apr. 5, K.P.O. Registration Apr. 4, 4.30 p.m. Letters Apr. 5, 9 a.m. G.P.O.
Amoy	Anhui	Sat., Apr. 5, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	Sun., Apr. 6, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Apr. 6, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Namsang	Mon., Apr. 7, 5 p.m.
Swatow and Fooschow	Chip Shing	Mon., Apr. 7, 5 p.m.
Hoihow	King Yuan	Tues., Apr. 8, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fooschow	Hai Ching	Tues., Apr. 8, 1 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Athos II	Tues., Apr. 8, K.P.O. Registration Apr. 7, 1 p.m. Letters Apr. 8, 1 p.m. G.P.O.
Swatow	Registration	Apr. 8, 1.45 p.m.
Amoy	Letters	Apr. 8, 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 9th May.)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hangsang	Tues., Apr. 8, 5 p.m.
Manila	Tai Yuan	Wed., Apr. 9, 3.30 p.m.
Malwa	Malwa	Sat., Apr. 12, K. P. O. Registration Apr. 11, 4.30 p.m. Letters Apr. 12, 9 a.m. G. P. O.
Parcels	Registration	Apr. 12, 10 a.m.
Letters	Registration	Apr. 12, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 8th May.)
Empress of Asia	Thurs., Apr. 18, 2.30 p.m.	

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Members of the Danish community of Shanghai, were guests of the Danish Society at a dinner party given at the French Club on the occasion of the arrival of the Crown Prince of Denmark and his Party. The above photograph, which was taken in the ballroom of the French Club, gives an excellent idea of the large number attending the affair.



Greetings! A little girl with an appropriate nosegay, who was among those who greeted the Danish royalty on arrival in Shanghai.



Miss Rose Lobenstine became the wife of Mr. Robert O'Boiger at a recent Shanghai wedding. Mrs. O'Boiger is active in club circles.



Carnera had the unique experience [of being overlooked recently. His companion above is eleven-years of age!



Miss Gloria Kahler, whose marriage to Mr. Donald B. Monroe, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, will take place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, on April 5.



Miss Enid Boyd of Shanghai whose engagement to Mr. W. R. Hughes has just been announced.



Herr Borch, German Minister to China, expected in Shanghai shortly to meet the German Business Mission.



Miss Adina Kohler, whose marriage to Mr. Alexander E. Viller will be an event of the month.



Professor F. J. White, President of Shanghai College from 1911 to 1928 who holds the chair of Philosophy and Religion.



Top photograph shows members of the Shanghai Athletic Club who are preparing for the Cross-Country Championship. Top right—Mr. Tom McKenna, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the S. A. C. and one of the leading lights in the hill-and-dale sport. Bottom photograph shows some of the Velodrome professional cyclists out on a spin.



Mr. T. P. Givens, Hon. Secretary of St. Patrick's Society of Shanghai.



Mr. F. W. Frick who has just been elected Treasurer of the Shanghai American Chamber of Commerce.



Mr. G. Arnoux the Chief of the Secretariat of the French Municipal Council in Shanghai.

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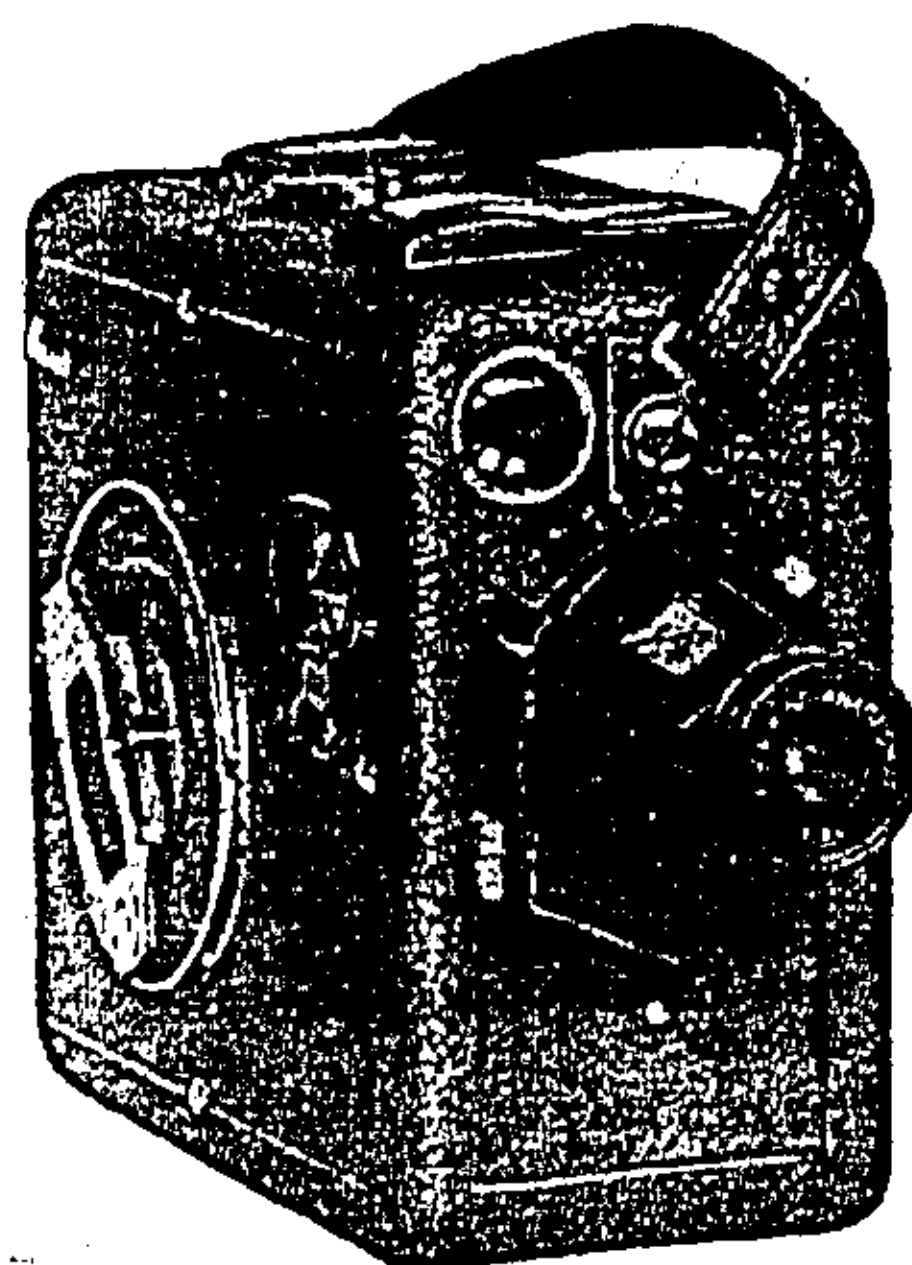
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THE HARBOUR PIPE LINE OPENED.

AN IMPORTANT STEP.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government had the pleasure of performing a most interesting public duty yesterday, when he officially opened the Harbour Pipe-line, as a result of which Hongkong itself will be supplied with water from the Shing Mun Valley.

The first part of the ceremony was carried out at Queen's Pier, where Mr. Southern was met by the Director of Public Works, and Mr. R. M. Henderson, his Assistant, who is in charge of the Water Works. His Excellency was accompanied by Mrs. Southern, together with Sir Henry Pollock, Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, (Inspector General of Police), members of the P.W.D., and Legislative Council.

A Proud Achievement.

The Hon. Mr. Creasy then presented Mr. Henderson and his staff to His Excellency, in the course of which he said:

Your Excellencies, Mrs. Southern, Ladies and Gentlemen,—Before having the honour of presenting to you Mr. Henderson, the Assistant Director of Public Works in charge of special Water Works construction, I should like to say that Mr. Henderson, during the whole of his service, has been engaged upon the many schemes of Water Works extensions carried out during that period and for the last ten years he has been in charge of the Water Works of the Colony.

He was particularly associated with the first section of the Shing Mun Scheme which was sanctioned by the Secretary of State in June, 1924, and of which the Harbour Pipe Line formed an important part.

Many portions of the Scheme have already been completed viz:—The Intake Reservoir, The Tunnels and Conduit, The Reception Reservoir, The Mechanical Filtration Plant, The Land Pipe Line conveying the Shing Mun River water to Kowloon Point, The Service Reservoir now under construction and lastly the Harbour Pipe Line now completed and connected with the Hongkong City Mains.

To have brought works of such magnitude to a successful completion is an achievement of which any Civil Engineer might well be proud.

Difficulties and Delay.

Though other portions of the Scheme were proceeded with there was considerable delay in deciding the method that should be adopted for the Harbour Pipe Crossing, more elaborate and expensive schemes were proposed and indeed it was suggested that the Pipe should be laid in the 'open' proposed Tunnel under the Harbour if, and when, constructed.

Mr. Henderson's proposals for the Harbour Crossing were recommended and referred to the Consulting Engineers to the Crown Agents.

Early in 1929 Mr. Henderson proceeded Home to consult with both Prophet and Sage and he "heard great argument about it and about" with the result that his method was approved and he hurried back to put the work in hand.

In spite of difficulties augmented by the late delivery of materials (the prompt delivery of which had been promised) this work has been brought to a successful completion at a cost of \$260,000 which is considerably under the original estimate.

The Pipe Line.

The total length of the Harbour Pipe Line from Kowloon to Hongkong is 5,914 ft., or nearly 1 1/8 miles.

The internal diameter of the Lapwelded Steel pipe is 12.265"

MEDICAL CONGRESS IN JAPAN.

THOUSANDS GATHER AT OSAKA.

Osaka, Mar. 31.

The eighth medical congress of Japan opens to-morrow, the pathologist Professor Sata presiding.

Over five thousand medical men including a number of distinguished European, American and Chinese specialists, are attending, though the English medical profession is conspicuous by its absence.—*Reuter.*

or approximately 12 1/4", it is 7/16" thick and is protected by double Hessian wrapping impregnated with hot bitumastic solution.

The Pipe Line is made up of 63 sections with 66 Albion loose flange joints and was manufactured by Messrs. Stewart and Lloyds, Glasgow.

There are 23 flexible ball and socket joints, and 4 valves, these specials being provided by Messrs. Glenfield and Kennedy.

Fifteen anchor blocks each weighing 17 tons and 11 pairs of Reinforced Cement Concrete anchor piles have been fixed along the Pipe Line.

The total length of the rubble foundations (in various portions) is 1,370 ft.

Three divers were engaged on the work, two from North China, under the supervision of the Government Diver, Mr. Petroff, and the actual laying occupied 57 days, the average rate of progress being over one hundred feet per day.

The discharging capacity of the Harbour Pipe is 3 1/4 million gallons per day at 280 ft. above sea level, at which height the Gardens Service Reservoir is to be built. At lower levels the discharging capacity would be increased.

Satisfactory Tests.

I have received a Report from Mr. Henderson upon the exceedingly satisfactory results of the final pressure test upon the whole Harbour Pipe Line before it was connected to the Land Sections, and in the Report he acknowledged the very valuable assistance he has received from the Port Development Office, of which Mr. Adam Anderson is in charge, and from the Water Works Maintenance Office, now in charge of Mr. Purves, who was previously closely associated with Mr. Henderson on the first section of the Shing Mun Scheme. He further reports that the Netherlands Harbour Works Company (whose representatives are present to-day) carried through their Contract in a very efficient and satisfactory manner, and last, but not least, he very highly commends Mr. Woodward, the Engineer who was in charge of this work, for the marked ability and energy which he has displayed throughout and also Mr. Petroff, the Overseeing Diver, who has worked very long hours under very trying conditions.

Your Excellency, on behalf of the Public Works Department, I would thank you for so graciously coming here to-day to perform the ceremony of opening the valves connecting the Harbour Pipe Line with the Hongkong Water supply and thus enabling this thirsty Island to obtain some of the superfluous water from the mainland.

H.E.'s Speech.

The Hon. Mr. Southern, then shook hands with Mr. Henderson and other gentlemen, after which he descended to a gangway, erected below the pier, where he opened the wash out valve which discharges the water obtained from the Shing Mun River. He addressed the gathering in the following words:

Mr. Creasy.—I have the greatest pleasure in accepting your invitation to open the valves which will admit the water of the Shing Mun River to the Island of Hongkong.

To-day we see the dream of many years made true, with possibilities far beyond the present

INDIAN COTTON TARIFFS.

PROPOSALS ACCEPTED IN PART.

New Delhi, Mar. 31.

The Tariff Bill, embodying the budgetary cotton tax proposals, has been adopted by the Assembly, with an amendment moved by an Indian 'chetty' and accepted by the Government, modifying the British preference in certain classes of goods, which compete with Indian lines, in effect removing the British preference in the case of plain grey cloth, namely unbleached cloth or cloth dyed in the piece, and maintaining it in the case of other classes.

In other words, preference will disappear wherever the 3 1/2 annas duty applies, but remains where the *ad valorem* duty applies.

The Bill was passed without a division, after Pandit Malaviya and the Nationalist Party had walked out.—*Reuter.*

reality. At present we are dependent on the immediate flow of the Shing Mun River for our additional supply to Hongkong, and until we have large storage reservoirs on the Kowloon side we shall not have made the Hongkong water supply safe. One reservoir is already under construction, and we hope before long to be able to make a start with the larger and more important reservoir in the Shing Mun Valley.

But these reservoirs would be useless without the cross-harbour pipe. The design of the pipe-line, as Mr. Creasy has remarked, has been the subject of much controversy, and the Government found it necessary to send Mr. Henderson to England to discuss the plans with the best expert advisers at home. The result must have been very gratifying to Mr. Henderson, whose design was accepted with very slight modifications. There is an admitted danger in this design, namely that the pipe might be damaged by careless navigation or by a ship dragging its anchor in a typhoon, but we consider the risk one which it is worth our while to take in view of the great saving of expense, and on Mr. Henderson's assurance that repair should be only a matter of a few weeks.

Heartiest Congratulations.

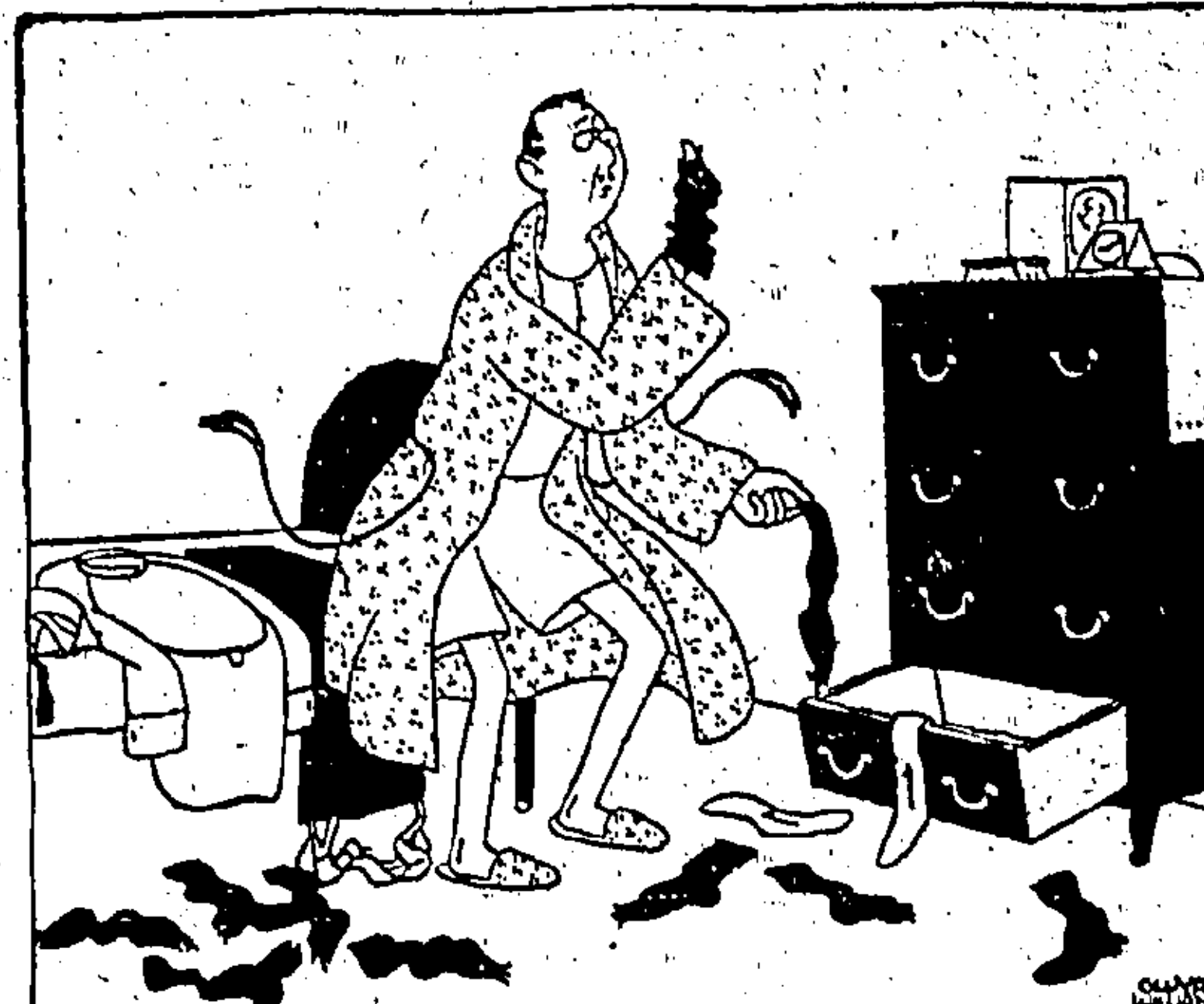
Mr. Creasy, I offer to Mr. Henderson and yourself and to all those connected with you in the work, our heartiest congratulations on the successful completion of the cross-harbour pipe. It reflects the greatest credit on all concerned and I tender the heartiest thanks of the Colony to the engineers, divers, contractors and all others who have combined to carry out this work so expeditiously and at so reasonable a cost. I wish for this pipe a long life of usefulness to the people of Hongkong, and I can assure you that even the pipes of Pan could produce no sweeter music in Hongkong's ears than the music of running water in Mr. Henderson's pipes.

City Hall Fountain Plays.

After closing the wash out valve, His Excellency and party made their way to the junction of Queen's Road Central and Wardley Avenue, via Statue Square, where he opened the valve connecting the Cross Harbour Pipe with the City mains. His action charged the City Hall fountain with Shing Mun River water, which was brought into play, the large crowd present applauding delightedly.

Immediately after performing the function, His Excellency and Mrs. Southern drove back to Government House.

The occasion created the deepest interest and there were large crowds at both Queen's Pier and the City Hall. The Traffic Department of the Police Headquarters, under the direction of Inspector Alexander, patrolled the main thoroughfare between the two points, and through traffic was suspended for a short interval.



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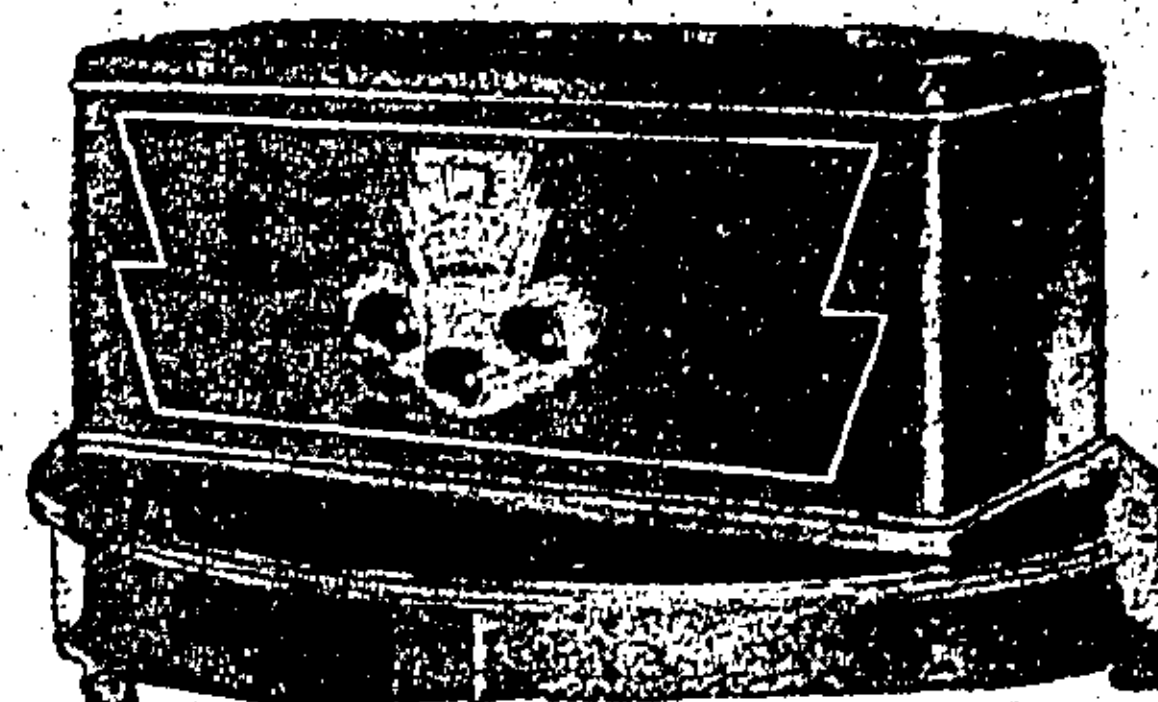
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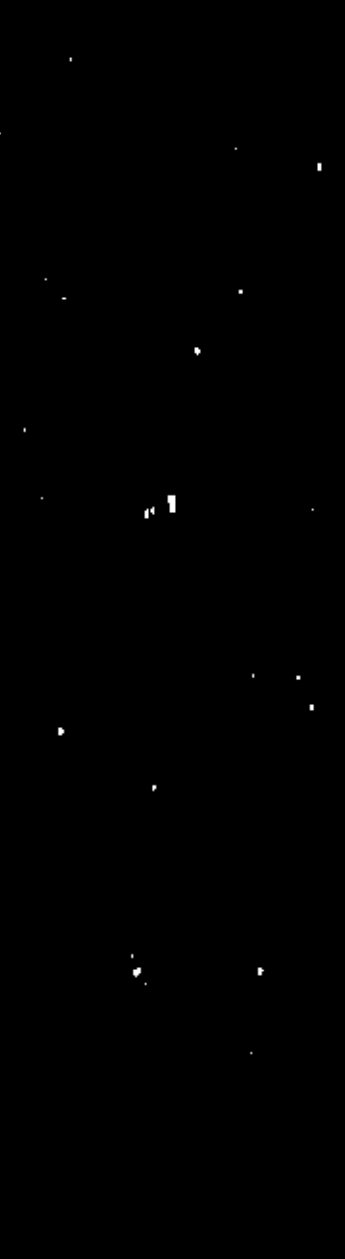
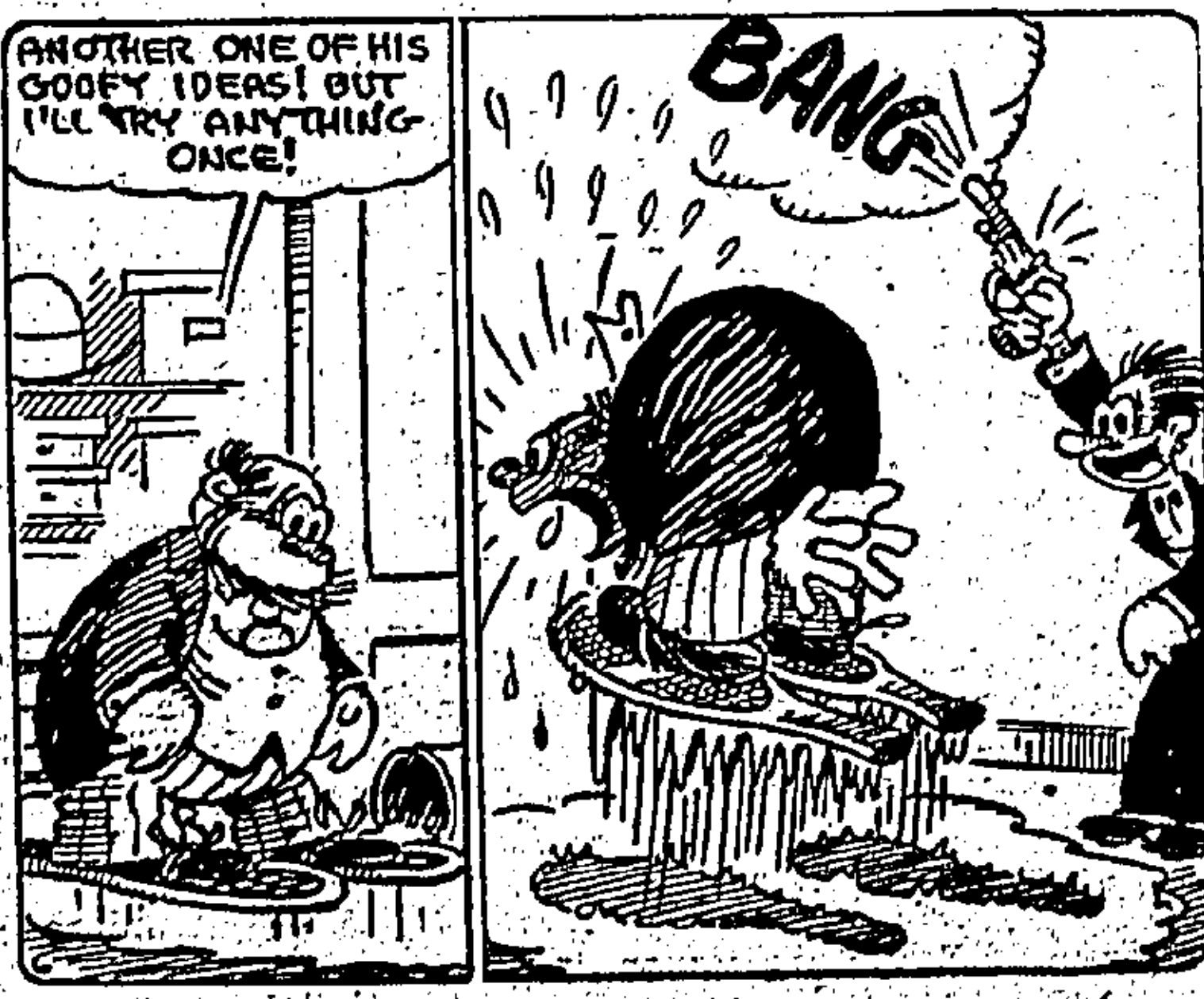
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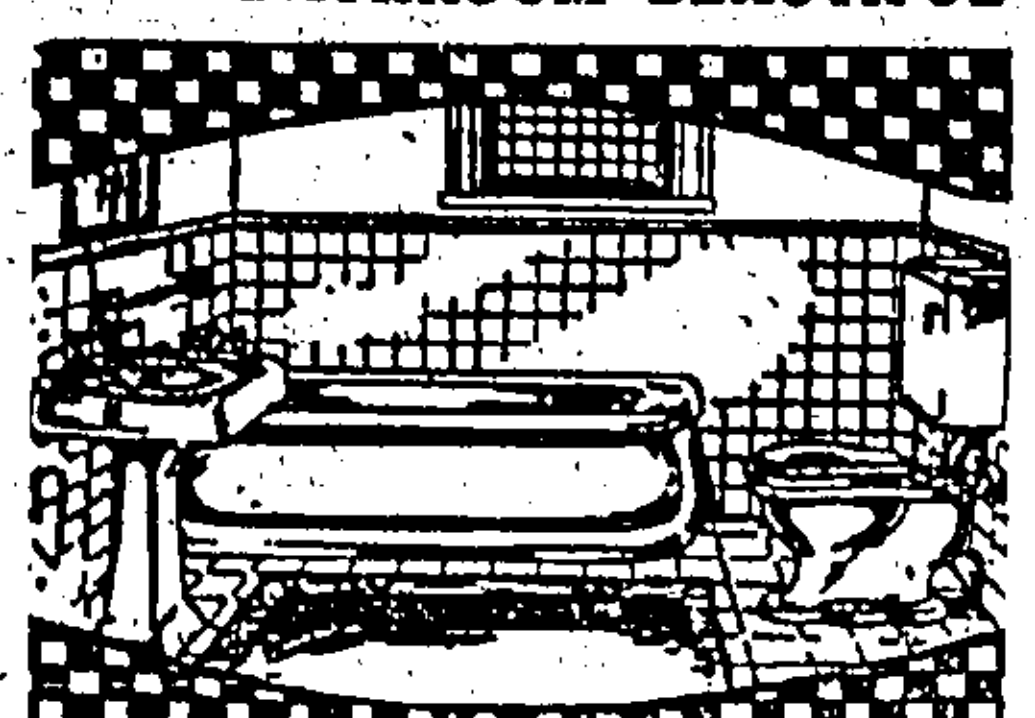
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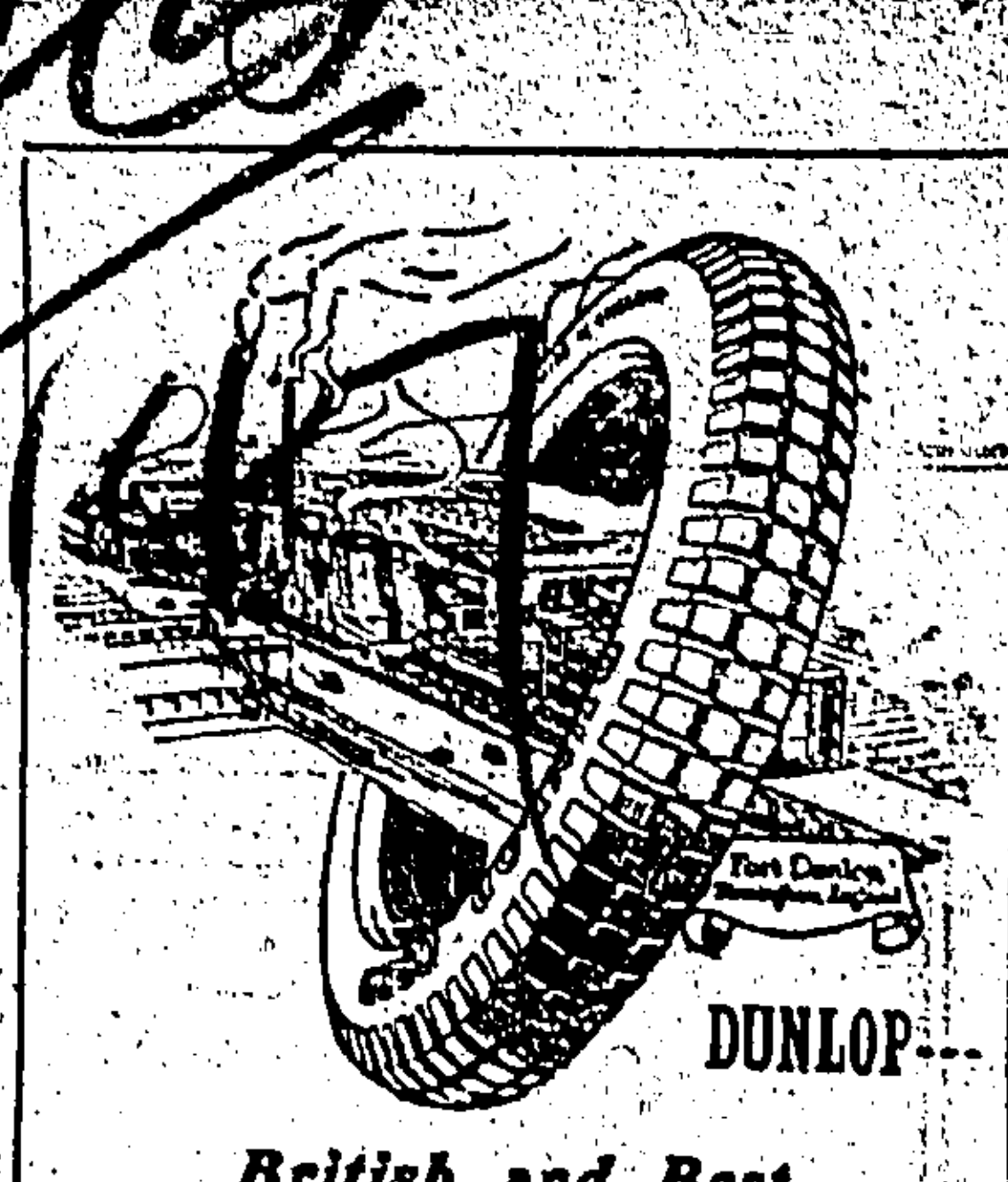
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DUNLOP
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TRAPPED IN TAXI UNDER WATER.

VEHICLE GOES OVER PRAYA WALL.

FIVE RESCUED BY EUROPEAN AND INDIAN.

NO LOSS OF LIFE.

Five people were trapped in a taxi-cab which went over the seawall and settled on the harbour bed in the early hours of this morning. An Indian policeman effected their rescue but got into difficulties himself and was in turn rescued by Mr. W. V. Field, who also extricated the driver.

The taxi was carrying a party of Portuguese at the time and went over the seawall near Queen's Pier after crashing into a parking standard.

The occupants of the vehicle were Mr. L. A. Xavier (21), and the Misses Mary, Angelina, Madeline and Esther Xavier, all members of one family, living at 54, Queen's Road East.

According to an official report, the taxi was approaching Jackson Road, going along by the seawall, when it collided with a traffic standard which marks the parking place for private cars in that locality.

Driver Injures Hand.

The driver received injuries to his hand. He may also have lost control of his vehicle as the result, or the steering wheel may have become unmanageable through damage resulting from the collision. At any rate, after colliding with the standard, the vehicle sharply rebounded at a tangent and travelled a distance of about 200 feet before it finally shot over the sea wall.

The taxi settled down on the harbour bed, on all four wheels, parallel to the sea-wall. It was submerged in about ten feet of water, but the prompt and gallant efforts of an Indian policeman, resulted in the occupants, who were trapped within the body of the vehicle, being rescued.

It is stated that P. C. Burda Khan, who was on duty at Statue Square, had his attention drawn in the nick of time to the plight of the passengers. He quickly leaped into the sea and released those of the party cooped up within the vehicle.

In so doing, he got into difficulties himself, and when taken out in his turn was in the same distressed condition as those whom he was rescuing.

European Dives In.

Credit is given for the assistance at this stage of Mr. W. V. Field, an official of the Peninsula Hotel, who happened to be in the locality when the mishap occurred.

With great presence of mind, Mr. Field also took to the water, and was the means of completing the rescue of the unfortunate party, including the driver and P. C. Burda Khan.

One by one the victims were taken out of the water, sampan people assisting in the rescue work. The passengers were in the last stage of exhaustion, and first-aid had to be applied in two cases. Mr. Field worked assiduously in bringing round one of the girls, whose life had been first despaired of, and after 20 minutes, saw his efforts rewarded. She recovered consciousness, and was well out of danger before she was removed, with the others of her family, to the Government Civil Hospital.

No One Drowned.

P. C. Burda Khan was in the same distressed condition when he was taken out of the water by Mr. Field. First-aid had also to be applied in his case before he recovered.

It was at first thought that a small boy was drowned in the accident, but later it was ascertained that this report arose through a mistaken reference by one of the party. All five members of the family were reported, this morning, to be recovering at the Hospital from the shock of their experience.

The taxi was retrieved from the water in the course of the morning.

SUPREME COURT CHANGES.

SIR JOSEPH KEMP TO ACT AS CHIEF JUSTICE.

MR. ALABASTER AS A. G.

His Honour Sir Henry Gollan, Chief Justice, is leaving Hongkong for good by the S.S. Empress of Russia on the 9th instant, and this will necessitate important changes at the Supreme Court. The nature of these are indicated in the following communique issued this morning by the Government:

"His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Hongkong, has been pleased to make the following acting appointments with effect from the 9th of April, 1930:

"1. The Honourable Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, Kt., K.C., C.B.E., Attorney General, to act as Chief Justice during the absence from leave prior to retirement from the Service of His Honour Sir Henry Cowper Gollan, Kt., C.B.E.

ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

Motion for Suspension of the Time Limit.

NOT A VITAL MATTER.

London, Mar. 31. The Government was defeated in the House of Commons this afternoon when a motion by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald for the suspension of the eleven p.m. rule was defeated by 183 votes to 179.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain (Conservative) then moved the adjournment but this was defeated by 185 votes to 175. The Government defeat is unimportant as it was one of procedure and not a vital matter. The only effect is to further delay Government business which is already behind-hand. The Government desired to dispose of a number of matters tonight, but the House cannot now sit after eleven o'clock.—*Reuter*.

"2. Mr. Chaloner Grenville Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., to act as Attorney General during the above period."

This will be the first occasion on which Sir Joseph Kemp has acted as Chief Justice, although from March to November, 1913, he was acting Puisne Judge. He was appointed Attorney General in 1915.

Mr. Alabaster, who is well-known as a barrister, has had previous experience as acting Attorney General.

JUNK & STEAMER COLLIDE.

CHINESE CRAFT BADLY DAMAGED.

A collision between a junk and the river steamer Kwong Sai, which, it is reported, resulted in the former being badly damaged and rendered waterlogged, occurred last night.

The boats collided between Chek Wan and Ling Ting, in Chinese waters, and the junk was severely damaged. All the crew, consisting of five men and four women, were transferred to the Kwong Sai, and brought in to Hongkong, but the master of the junk remained on board in an attempt to save his craft.

The Kwong Sai was on her way from Canton to Hongkong when the mishap occurred at about 10.15 p.m. just below Chekwan. It appears that she immediately turned round and picked up the ten occupants of the junk, which was owned by the master, Wong Yau. As a result, the Kwong Sai arrived in Hongkong about an hour later than usual.

A report was made to the Harbour Office this morning by the crew of the junk. One of them assessed the total loss as being over \$10,000.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN SHANTUNG.

SHANSI TROOPS CROSS THE BORDER.

NATIONALIST FORCES HAVE TO YIELD GROUND.

ENEMY REINFORCED.

Nanking, Mar. 31. The National Government has received an urgent message from General Chen Tiao-yuan, Governor of Shantung, stating that 15,000 Shansi troops crossed the Shantung border on Saturday and advanced along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, where they gained contact with the Shantung forces in the vicinity of Tingyuan.

Severe fighting ensued, and the Shantung troops on Saturday evening fell back to Yucheng, which is situate one station north of Tsinan.

General Chen Tiao-yuan adds that the Shansi troops are being continually reinforced.

Honan Evacuation.

General Ho Ying-ching, Chief of Staff of the Nationalist Army, has issued a statement to the effect that the evacuation of Honan has been carried out according to plan, and that General Han Fuchu's troops have been withdrawn to Shantung without loss. They will be concentrated at Tsining to prevent the Kuominchun forces from carrying out a flank attack on Tsinan.—*Reuter*.

Steamers Seized.

Shanghai, Mar. 31. In anticipation of the outbreak of hostilities on the Honan-Hankow frontier, the Nationalist Commanders at Hankow commandeer all Chinese steamers which arrived there from Shanghai yesterday, for troops transport purposes. The China Merchant Navigation Steamship Company's steamers Kowsh Shin and Kowsh Shin, and the S.S. Cheung On and S.S. Tak Hing, belonging to another company, were amongst the vessels seized.

The Nationalist forces at Hankow and Wuchang have received instructions to advance to the borders. Meanwhile, the anti-Nationalist forces in Honan are sparing no efforts in their preparation for a final struggle with the armies of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

Troops Massing.

A strong force of Kuominchun troops, comprising three Divisions, is massing at Chengchow in Honan, while 30,000 other Kuominchun troops are expected to reach Chengchow some time this week.

The chief lieutenant of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, General Lu Chung-lin, is commanding the Kuominchun forces at Chengchow.

As a direct challenge to the National Government, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan has announced the appointment of General Wan Shun-choi as Military Governor of Honan. General Wan's troops are massing at strategic positions in Honan.

Large consignments of food-stuffs have arrived at Paotingfu and Shiehchiang for the Shansi and Kuominchun allied forces. The vanguards of the Shansi forces, which occupied Tehchow during the week-end, are pushing forward for Pingyuan, marching along the railway.

Fall of Kalfeng.

General Shih Yu-shan, Officer Commanding the Nationalist forces in Honan, has arrived at Hsuehchow on the Peking-Tientsin Railway and reports that his forces have had to evacuate Kalfeng in Honan on account of pressure by overwhelming Kuominchun forces.

General Shih Yu-shan's main body of troops is massing in Eastern Honan and Western Shantung. Judging by the movements of the Kuominchun and Nationalist forces in Shantung and Honan, it appears that when hostilities break out both provinces will be involved.

ATTACK ON SPEED RECORD.

KAYE DON RISKS ADVERSE COURSE CONDITIONS.

SPEED OF 183 M.P.H.

Daytona, Mar. 31. Mr. Kaye Don, who is here with the "Silver Bullet" in an attempt to establish a new world land speed record, risked adverse course conditions and hummocks on the beach to-day when he ventured an official assault on Sir Henry Seagrave's record of 231.36 miles an hour.

This was Mr. Kaye Don's first attempt on the record, his previous runs being in the nature of trial trips. Early in March he made a run of 198 miles an hour, but a few days later did only 90 and 101 miles per hour respectively on a very rough beach. On that occasion the car jumped several feet into the air and further test runs had to be postponed.

To-day, Mr. Kaye Don's best mean speed in two out of six runs was only 183.112 miles an hour.

The "Silver Bullet" is expected to do between 240 and 250 miles an hour on a good course and it would seem that the comparatively low speeds accomplished are due entirely to the hummocks on the beach and the generally adverse course.—*Reuter's American Service*.

COMMODORE HILL PROMOTED.

ADVANCED TO RANK OF REAR-ADMIRAL.

CAREER OUTLINED.

It is notified to-day that Commodore R. A. S. Hill, C.B.E., has been promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral, to date from April 5th.

Rear-Admiral Hill who was awarded the C.B.E. (Military Division) in the New Year Honours this year, has won much popularity in naval and social circles since his arrival in Hongkong in December, 1928. We extend to him congratulations on his promotion.

The new Rear-Admiral joined the Service in January 1894, and specialized as a navigator. He was lieutenant (N) of the Harrier during the Somali campaign in 1902-3, and when the Great War began was commander (N) of the flagship King Edward VII. in the Grand Fleet. After the loss of that vessel by mine in January, 1916, he moved with Vice-Admiral Bradford and staff into the Britannia.

From December, 1916, he served aboard the King George V. flagship of Vice-Admiral de Robeck, also in the Grand Fleet, and was promoted to Captain in December 1918. He afterwards became Flag-Captain to Admiral de Robeck in the Mediterranean, Head of the Naval Personnel Committee, and Flag-Captain to Rear-Admiral W. W. Fisher in the Barham. Rear-Admiral Hill is a qualified interpreter in French.

EGYPTIAN DELEGATES HONOURED.

DINNER GIVEN BY MR. HENDERSON.

London, Mar. 31. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, gave a dinner this evening at the Foreign Office in honour of Egyptian delegates who are in London to negotiate a Treaty with Britain.

Mrs. Arthur Henderson gave a dinner party in honour of Madame Makram Ebeid, wife of the Egyptian Finance Minister.—*British Wireless*.

NANKING'S LATEST LOAN.

CIGARETTE TAX AGAIN SECURITY.

Nanking Mar. 31. The National Government has issued a Mandate announcing the issue of bonds, totalling \$24,000,000, to be secured on the cigarette tax.

This will be the third loan secured on this particular tax.—*Reuter*.

ARABS BLAMED IN PALESTINE.

NO EXCUSE FOR THE ATTACK ON JEWS.

NEED FOR DECLARATION OF POLICY BY BRITAIN.

COMMISSION REPORT.

London, Mar. 31. The report of the Commission on the Palestine disturbances of August last was presented to Parliament to-day. The Commissioners come to the conclusion that from the beginning the outbreak was an attack upon the Jews by Arabs for which no excuse has been established. The few attacks by Jews upon Arabs were mostly retaliatory. There is no proof that the Grand Mufti or the Palestine Arab Executive premeditated and organised the disturbances, as has been alleged.

The outbreak neither was, nor was intended to be a revolt against British authority, and the Commission have no serious criticism to make of the action taken by the Palestine Government either immediately before or after the outbreak. They consider the Government have throughout discharged, to the best of their ability, the difficult task of maintaining impartiality between two peoples whose leaders have displayed little tendency to compromise.

The Commission consider Jewish enterprise and immigration when not exceeding the country's absorptive capacity to have conferred material benefits on Palestine which Arabs have shared. But, with regard to immigration, they consider the Jewish authorities have departed from the doctrine laid down in 1922 and accepted by the Zionist organization, and that Zionist claims have been calculated to create among the Arabs apprehensions of loss of livelihood and political subjection.

Source of Danger.

Attention is drawn to the number of evictions of Arab cultivators upon the sale of the land they occupied without alternative land having been provided. Complaint is not made of the Jewish land companies who, in some cases, paid cash compensation and acted with the Government's knowledge, but an acute situation has been created which is a potential source of danger. It is urged that some remedy be found for this situation.

The Commissioners' conclusion is that Palestine cannot support an increased agricultural population without radical changes in farming methods. It is believed that the difficulties of the Palestine Government are aggravated by Arab resentment at having no measure of self-government and having, unlike the Jews, no direct access to His Majesty's Government. The reduction of the garrison in Palestine and Trans-Jordan is considered to have been carried too far.

Cause of Disturbances.

The Commission consider the fundamental cause of the disturbances was the animosity of the Arabs towards the Jews arising from the disappointment of their political and national aspirations and a fear for their economic future. The immediate causes were repeated incidents in connexion with the Walling Wall, provocative Press articles on both sides, propaganda among the less educated Arabs, inadequacy of the military forces and police and the belief among the Arabs that the Palestine Government's decisions could be influenced by political considerations.

The primary recommendation of the Commission is that His Majesty's Government should issue immediately a statement of policy and make plain their intention of carrying out that policy with all the resources at their command. Such a statement would be more valuable if it contained a clearly definite interpretation by the British Government of the passages in the Mandate safeguarding the Jewish position.

Light Rain.

The Royal Observatory reports that an area of high pressure extends from the Yangtze Valley to the N.E. of Japan. The V-shaped depression lies to the N.W. of the Bonins. The local forecast is:—N.E. winds, fresh; generally overcast; some light rain.

SIGHT AND SOUND BROADCAST.

NEW CHAPTER IN HISTORY OF RADIO PROGRESS.

MEN CLEARLY SEEN.

London, Mar. 31. A new chapter in the history of wireless development was inaugurated by the simultaneous broadcasting of sight and sound on "twist" transmitters of the British Broadcasting Corporation when wireless artists were seen as well as heard for the first time in any country.

An experimental programme was begun by an official of the Baird International Television concern. His features were clearly seen and his lips moved as his voice was heard from the loud speaker.

He was then succeeded by Sir Ambrose Fleming, the inventor of the thermionic valve which made wireless in the home possible, and then by Lord Amthill.

Songs were given by two well-known artists, while the author of

DEFICIT OF FOURTEEN MILLIONS.

Mr. Churchill's Budget Hope Not Realised.

BRITAIN'S REVENUE.

London, Mar. 31. Newspaper forecasts that the end of the financial year would see a deficit of fifteen millions sterling have been borne out, the exact Exchequer deficit now having been disclosed as £14,523,263.—*Reuter*.

The last two years have ended with a surplus, that for 1927-1928 being £4,239,000 and that for 1928-1929 £18,394,000. When he introduced the Budget last year, Mr. Churchill estimated the expenditure for the year which has just closed at £741,954,000 and revenue at £755,940,000, showing a prospective surplus of £11,976,000.

Remissions and changes in taxation reduced the estimated surplus to £4,096,000.

the famous play "Journey's End" gave a talk. All the speakers were clearly seen and heard, the dual transmission being easily followed.—*Reuter*.

LOSS OF CHINESE GUNBOAT.

CREW OF A CARGO VESSEL EFFECTS RESCUES.

Further light has now been cast on the hailstorm at Dosing on Sunday morning which resulted in the capsizing of the Chinese gunboat Kong Hon with the loss of over ten lives.

Arriving here from Wuchow this morning, the Chinese freighter Kwong I reported that she arrived at Dosing on Saturday night and was lying close to the Kong Hon when she capsized. The Kwong I had steam up at the time and this, it is understood, enabled her to weather the brief storm.

The crew of the Kwong I went to the rescue of the gunboat crew and picked up over 20. Over 10 are believed to have lost their lives.

As regards Dosing itself, very little information could be gathered this morning beyond the fact that quite a large number of matchsheds near the shore were seen to have been wrecked.

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DANGER OF WOOD STAIRCASES.

JURY'S FINDINGS AT FIRE ENQUIRY.

USE OF CONCRETE URGED FOR TENEMENTS.

CENSURE ON OWNER.

That Chinese tenement houses should be provided with concrete instead of wooden staircases was one of the recommendations made by the jury which investigated the recent disastrous fire at Smithfield, Kennedy Town, when the inquiry was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

Fresh evidence taken this morning disclosed the fact that a ladder connecting with a trap door in the roof over the back part of the floor, which should have been provided in respect of buildings over 40 feet in height, was missing. The owner of the property professed ignorance on the matter, while the principal tenant stated that she had not seen the ladder there during the three years she had been principal tenant of the floor.

Five Riders.

The disclosure qualified to some extent the original recommendations of the jury, who, in returning a verdict of "Accidental Death," added the following amended riders:

(a.) Regarding the cause of the fire, we consider that shops carrying on business of this kind (a joss-paper and fire-crackers shop) should be required by law to have some sort of fire extinguisher to the satisfaction of the Fire Brigade.

(b.) The owner of the shop is to blame for not making sure that the fire in the chetty was completely extinguished before he retired for the night.

(c.) We agree that Chinese tenement houses should be provided with concrete instead of wooden staircases.

(d.) We wish to censure the owner of the property for failing to provide a ladder in the back part of the floor.

(e.) We are satisfied that the work of the Fire Brigade was in every way satisfactory.

Coroner Concurs.

The Coroner said he endorsed their verdict, remarking:—"I will forward your recommendations regarding the concrete staircases to the Government. As the law stands at present, it is not possible to make that provision compulsory. There is, however, a movement, as Mr. Bottomley has stated, in favour of concrete staircases. We can only hope that that movement will grow in strength."

Mr. J. H. Bottomley, Engineer attached to the Building Authority's Office, P.W.D., was told by Mr. Lindsell that he was called to express his opinion as to the type of building, used as Chinese residences, such as were found at Smithfield. At the previous hearing, an officer of the Fire Brigade had given his opinion that the buildings were particularly dangerous from a fire point of view.

Had To Be Approved.

Mr. Bottomley said in the first place he would like to explain the position of the Building Authority's Office regarding the passing of plans. They were submitted to them by the architects, and so long as they conformed to the regulations laid down, the plans had to be approved. The plans for No. 12, Smithfield were submitted in 1915. They had no record of any similar buildings anywhere else in the Colony.

Mr. Lindsell:—Do you agree that these buildings are particularly dangerous?

Witness:—From a fire point of view, they are more dangerous than the type usually erected.

Is there no power with the Building Authorities to refuse to pass plans of a house which they consider particularly dangerous, in case of fire?—Section 142 of the Building Ordinance requires the Building Authority to require such means of escape in case of fire as may be considered reasonable. In any building more than 40 feet from the ground level, (Continued on Page 5.)